Alcohol:
The purchase, possession, use, and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Alcohol and Drug Paraphernalia:
Possession of drug paraphernalia (e.g., pipes, rolling paper, etc.) and empty alcoholic beverage containers is prohibited.

Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications:
Possession and/or use of prescription and over-the-counter medications are subject to the policies on medicine use as detailed in the "Student Medical Needs" section of this handbook. Unauthorized possession, use, or abuse of over-the-counter medications is prohibited. Unauthorized possession, use, abuse, and/or distribution of prescription medications (including inhalants) are prohibited.

Misuse of Substances:
The misuse of any substance that may be abused, whether available legally over the counter (such as cough syrup) or naturally occurring (such as hallucinogenic mushrooms) or that was never intended for human consumption (such as glue), is prohibited.

Controlled Substances:
The purchase, possession, use, and/or distribution of controlled substances are prohibited.
"Controlled substances" include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Illegal drugs (Any substance or derivative thereof whose manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use is prohibited or controlled by state or federal law).
2. Any so called "designer drug," "look alike" synthetic drug, and similar substance, even if not specifically prohibited by state or federal law.

Alcohol/Drug Use Assessment:
While LSMSA recognizes that experimentation is not abnormal during adolescence, studies have shown that early use of alcohol or drugs is often an early indicator of potential for substance abuse or dependence later in life.

Students who are involved in a substance-related violation and are allowed to remain at LSMSA should expect to be required to complete an alcohol/drug use assessment. This assessment must be conducted by a mental health professional. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible for making arrangements (financial and otherwise) for the assessment. If the assessment is to be conducted by a mental health professional in Natchitoches, LSMSA may assist with transportation. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be required to give consent for the results of the alcohol/drug assessment and treatment recommendations to be released to LSMSA. Any recommendations made by the mental health professional must be followed in order for the student to remain enrolled at LSMSA.

In the event that a student's use/abuse of any substances causes extreme impairment or necessitates emergency care, or otherwise calls into question the student's ability to remain safe and healthy at LSMSA, the director of student affairs will evaluate whether it is in the best interest of the student and the school for the student to remain enrolled at LSMSA.

- ***Violations involving alcohol generally are considered MAJOR INFRACTIONS but may***

rise to the level of INFRACTIONS RESULTING IN EXPULSION if, in the professional opinion of the Director of Students Affairs, the infraction rises to the level of a serious risk of injury or harm to the student(s).

- *A second offense involving alcohol during the student's tenure at the school is considered an INFRACTION RESULTING IN EXPULSION.*
- *Driving an automobile while under the influence of alcohol is considered an INFRACTION RESULTING IN EXPULSION.*
- *Violations involving over-the-counter or prescription medications, possession of alcohol or drug paraphernalia, or misuse of substances generally are considered MAJOR INFRACTIONS but may rise to the level of INFRACTIONS RESULTING IN EXPULSION if, in the professional opinion of the director of student affairs, the infraction rises to the level of a serious risk of injury or harm to the student(s).*
- *Violations involving controlled substances are considered INFRACTIONS RESULTING IN EXPULSION.*