

## BELLE VERNON AREA MARCHING BAND

### ZERO TOLERANCE TOBACCO, DRUG, ALCOHOL, FIGHTING & WEAPONS POLICY

This Zero Tolerance, Tobacco, Drug, Alcohol, Fighting & Weapons policy is to ensure the safety of your child and all other students.

Please read the below information carefully. All policies set forth below apply during the spring trip, band festivals, and any other organized Marching Band activities whether taking place on school property or not:

#### THE MARCHING BAND HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY WITH REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING:

##### FIGHTING & WEAPONS

Acts against persons or property which may endanger the health or safety of others: **EXAMPLES:** Fighting, Assault/Battery, Harassment and/or Bullying in any form is strictly prohibited, Vandalism, Stealing, Threats to others/verbal or sexual harassment, coercion and communication, Furnishing, Selling and /or possession of drugs lookalike substances or alcohol, Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, Possession or transfer of drug-related paraphernalia, Possession and /or use of fireworks, smoke bombs or other such devices, Bomb Threats, False alarms and /or tampering with fire control equipment, Student demonstration, boycotts or walkouts, Ethnic intimidation, profane language, Truancy, Possession and/or distribution of pornographic material, Disorderly conduct, Possession and /or transfer of dangerous weapons

##### TOBACCO PRODUCTS:

Smoking or use of smokeless tobacco by students on school property, including school buses, school field trips, and organized Marching Band activities (including, but not limited to, the Marching Band trip) **IS PROHIBITED.**

##### DRUGS, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, ILLEGAL DRUGS & ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

The use and/or possession of controlled substances (in the absence of a legitimate prescription of which proper notification is given to the Marching Band Booster organization), prescription drugs (in the absence of a legitimate prescription of which proper notification is given to the Marching Band Booster organization), illegal drugs, and alcoholic beverages ARE PROHIBITED. This policy will apply to drugs and controlled substances as defined by the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania including, but not limited to, drugs or controlled substances as defined by "The Controlled Substances, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act of April 14, 1972" (hereinafter referred to in this policy as "The Act") or amendments to such Act. The policy also applies to lookalike substances:

- a. **Controlled Substances:** A drug, substance or immediate precursor included in Schedule I through V of the Act. Examples of such controlled substances are marijuana, opiates and other narcotics.
- b. **Drugs:** As defined in the Act and including substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man or other animal.
- c. **Prescription Drugs:** Those drugs pursuant to federal law may be dispensed only upon prescription from a physician.
- d. **Illegal Drugs:** Those drugs the use or possession of which are illegal under state or federal law, including, but not limited to, marijuana.

e. **Alcoholic Beverages:** A liquid for consumption with a percentage alcoholic content including, but not limited to, liquor, beer and wine.

**NOTE: A student is in violation of this policy even if the prescription drug has been legitimately prescribed by a licensed physician or health care practitioner, if the student has not notified the Marching Band Nurse of the prescribed drug or medication in accordance with the procedures of the school and/or the organization, and the use and possession of that legitimately prescribed drug or medication and the student's authority to use and/or possess it has not been verified by the student's parent and/or legal guardian prior to the event or trip.**

Any Student in violation of this policy relating to Tobacco Products, Drugs (prescription drugs or nonprescription drugs), Controlled Substances, Alcoholic Beverages, Fighting & Weapons are subject to discipline by the School under the District Discipline Code adopted February, 1989, as amended. In addition, and in compliance with statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (P.N. 2492), violations of this policy may be referred to the District Magistrate for prosecution and may be punishable by a civil fine as set forth in applicable law.

Any Student in violation of this Zero Tolerance Policy for Tobacco Products, Drugs (prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs or illegal drugs), Controlled Substances, Alcoholic Beverages, Fighting & Weapons while on a Marching Band event or trip ***WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SENT HOME.*** Parent/Guardian will be responsible for picking up their student from **ANY DESTINATION.** Student must be picked up within a 12-hour period from the time of notification of the parent or guardian of the breach of the zero-tolerance policy. Pending the transfer of custody of the student to his or her parent or guardian, the Student shall remain under the supervision of the Director, staff member, chaperone or security guard at all times, during which time the Student shall not be permitted to join other classmates in the Spring Trip activities.

This policy is to protect your child and any other students under our supervision. Our goal is for every student to have a safe and enjoyable trip.

**BY SIGNING THIS I AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE:**

STUDENT PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sincerely,**

**BVAMBB**