

Smyth County Pledge Program Policy and Agreement

The mission of Smyth County Schools is to ensure a quality education so that students succeed to their maximum potential. This will be achieved through the collective effort of students, staff, families, and community.

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Purpose and Intent

It is the responsibility of Smyth County Public Schools (SCPS) to provide support and implement policies and procedures to maximize the health, safety and welfare of our students. The Smyth County Pledge Program will identify and prevent illegal alcohol and drug use among students, provide direction to students with drug and alcohol problems, and give students additional incentives to decline illegal use of drugs and alcohol. It will supplement and enhance SCPS' existing efforts aimed at preventing alcohol and illegal drug use by students.

This policy is not designed to be academically punitive, but to minimize alcohol and illegal drug use among students attending SCPS.

Participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right, for students in SCPS. Consent to drug testing, as provided in the Pledge Program, is a mandatory prerequisite for any student to participate in a Virginia High School League (VHSL) sanctioned extra-curricular activity.

Driving to school and utilizing student parking also is a privilege, not a right, for students in SCPS. Consent to drug testing, as provided in the Pledge Program, is a mandatory prerequisite for any student prior to purchasing a parking pass at Chilhowie High School, Northwood High School, Marion Senior High School and/or Smyth Career and Technology Center.