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**Student Handbook Changes
Santa Fe Trail High School
2016-2017**

1. There was an addition to the following section on page 18 (This is new to the handbook.) :

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN CHANGES

Starting with the Class of 2020, SFT will no longer recognize a valedictorian and salutatorian. There will be still be a class rank but the main focus will be on the Top 10 Percent.

2. There was an addition to the following section on page 28: **(The additions are in red.)**

TOBACCO / ALCOHOL / DRUGS

Student use of tobacco on school property is prohibited. Students are not allowed to smoke or chew tobacco or snuff during school, nor will they be allowed to possess any form of tobacco on their person. **This would also include e-cigarettes or any other product containing nicotine.**

Student use, possession, manufacture and/or transfer of alcoholic beverages, illegal narcotics or other controlled substances anywhere on school property or during any school sponsored activity or gathering at home or away is forbidden. Violators will be expelled from school as set forth in board of education policy JDDA-R. **Students will also be reported to the Sheriff or an officer of the law who may file a report with the DMV. Possible loss of driver's license or ability to pursue a driver's license may be revoked for a period of one year.**

ANY STUDENT WHO, PRIOR TO BEING OTHERWISE REPORTED AS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY, VOLUNTARILY SEEKS ASSISTANCE, ADVICE OR COUNSELING FROM SCHOOL PERSONNEL REGARDING ALCOHOL OR DRUGS OR ABUSE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WILL NOT BE DISCIPLINED BY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

3. There was an addition to the following section on page 37: (The additions are in red. There are changes in #2 and #4.)

SFT SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Controlled Substances, Alcoholic Liquor, & Cereal Malt Beverages Policy

Santa Fe Trail High School and Santa Fe Trail Junior High are committed to the education of every student in drug and alcohol awareness and have pledged to work cooperatively with parents to create a substance free educational environment. Santa Fe Trail High School and Santa Fe Trail Junior High have established policies that are consistent with our mission of supporting a safe and drug free educational facility. This policy recognizes that students of high school and junior high age are physically and emotionally vulnerable to social pressure that may lead to the illegal use of controlled substances and potential addiction. The policy is intended to provide students and their parents with assistance in identifying and addressing the use of these substances. The Santa Fe Trail Substance Abuse Policy is defined in accordance with Kansas's statutes concerning alcoholic liquor, cereal malt beverages and controlled substances. Nicotine and other tobacco products are also prohibited on school property and carry consequences for use consistent with the disciplinary policy/point system. The Santa Fe Trail policy for alcohol and drugs (controlled substances) prohibits:

- The possession, use, consumption or sale of drugs/alcohol on school property or at school activities.
- Any student who comes onto school property or attends school activities under the influence of controlled substances as defined above.
- Any student who has substances, residue or paraphernalia in their vehicle, on their person or in their belongings while at school.

In order to provide a drug free environment and to assist in the education and treatment of students who have engaged in drug use, Santa Fe Trail students in grades 7-12 who participate in extracurricular activities, school organizations, are issued a school parking permit and/or use the school parking lot will be subject to random drug testing. The mandatory random drug screening process is outlined below:

Drug Testing Process:

1. Psychomedics Testing Facility will randomly select students for testing throughout the school year.
2. The Principal or his or her designee will clip a sample of hair from the student and place it in an envelope. The student will witness the sealing of the envelope, confirm his/her identification number and verify accuracy by initialing the envelope. **The principal or his/her designee may determine the need for a saliva sample instead of a hair sample. The student will witness the reading of the results.** Parents/Guardians who have requested notification of testing of their student will be given not less than twenty-four hours (24) notice that a sample will be collected from the student. Parents/Guardians who wish to observe the collection of the sample may do so by informing the Principal or his or her designee of their intent to observe sample collection not less than four hours before the designated collection time. Parents/Guardians who attend the testing shall not be permitted to participate in the sample collection and may only observe collection.

3. The collected samples will be sent to a drug testing facility for analysis.
4. Parents/Guardians will be contacted by the Principal and given the results of each test within two to three weeks of the taking of the hair/saliva sample. Contact by phone and/or mail will be made for negative test results. Contact by phone will be made for positive test results.
5. Students whose test has a positive result will meet with their parents/guardians and the Principal.
6. A FIRST positive test result, will result in the following consequences:
 - A one calendar week suspension from school activities. Student is expected to continue to practice with the team/organization, but will not attend competitions/activities outside of practice during this time period.
 - Santa Fe Trail will cooperate with the student and parents/guardians by providing information regarding a drug education and/or treatment program options.
7. TWO positive test results will result in the following consequences:
 - No practice or competition as a participant or spectator at any district event for thirty (30) calendar days.
 - Information in drug education and/or treatment program options will again be provided to the student and parents/guardians and attendance will be strongly encouraged.
8. The THIRD positive test result, will result in the following consequences:
 - A 365 day ban, including participation in and as a spectator, from all district activities. Participation in graduation exercises will be at the discretion of the school administration. To be reinstated after serving the 365 day ban, student must successfully pass a drug test administered by the school.
 - Information in drug education and/or treatment program options will again be provided to the student and parents/guardians and attendance will be strongly encouraged.
9. Test results will be available only to the student, the parents/guardians, and to Santa Fe Trail Administration with a legitimate educational interest in the student.
10. Once a student has been tested and the results have been returned, his/her number is placed in the general pool for further random testing. Therefore, it is possible that a student may be tested more than once during the school year and several times during their six years at Santa Fe Trail Junior High or Senior High.
11. If parents/guardians question the validity of the test results they may request a second test be conducted on the same specimen at their own expense. It is important to note that any Psychedics positive result has had two completely separate tests performed – an immunoassay screen and a mass spectrometry confirmation test. Additionally, environmental contamination is a non-issue because Psychedics utilizes the most extensive wash procedure in the industry. Numerous studies demonstrate the effectiveness of the Psychedics wash procedure.

12. Any student who refuses to submit to a drug test after being randomly selected and is currently participating, been participating in, or plans to participate in any of the school activities listed, will be deemed a positive result and will result in the discipline actions outlined above.

Use, consumption of, and/or possession of any drug and/or alcohol on school property is prohibited and are subject to the disciplinary actions outlined in the student handbook.

Santa Fe Trail High School and Santa Fe Trail Junior High Activities

- The Santa Fe Trail High School and Santa Fe Trail Junior High School reserve the right to randomly use a Breathalyzer for students participating in/attending school activities, including, but not limited to, school dances.

Participating in the following activities at SFT will subject you to the substance abuse policy:

All KSHSAA sponsored athletics and/ or activities

- Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Girls and Boys Golf, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Track
- FBLA, KAY, SADD, NHS, Band, Mixed Choir, Choraliers, Debate, Forensics, StuCo, Multimedia (Newspaper), Digital D & P (Yearbook), HS Musical, HS Play, Cheerleading, Dance Team, Scholar's Bowl, Odyssey of the Mind, and Renaissance
- Students driving to school