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TO: All Middle and High School Principals

FROM: Janis Andrews, Ed. D. Chief Academic Officer *J.A.*

SUBJECT: CHOICE TO CHANGE--ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENSION (ATS) PROGRAM FOR ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUGS--REPLACES FACE-IT

An Alternative to Suspension for Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drug Use (ATOD)/Possession infractions is required by the Discipline Guide. Participation in an ATS program supports students' academic progress by: 1) reducing the number of days out-of-school for suspension; 2) offering education about the risks and dangers of substance use; and 3) teaching life skills for making healthier decisions. "Teen tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana users are at least twice as likely as nonusers to have poor grades and teen marijuana users are approximately twice as likely as nonusers to drop out of high school." (Adolescent Substance Use: America's #1 Public Health Problem, June 2011).

We are pleased to announce that starting January 29, 2013, a new program, Choice to Change, will be piloted as an Alternative to Suspension for Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs. Suspended youth may choose to attend: 1) Choice to Change; 2) an alcohol or other drug assessment by a licensed provider; or 3) a tobacco cessation class. Families determine which of these options best meet their needs and enroll accordingly.

If the student and parent select Choice to Change, the parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to attend with their child. Students who violate tobacco policy will be required to attend **three** sessions (first offense); those who violate alcohol and other drug policies or commit a second tobacco offense will be required to attend **six** sessions. They must call 561-745-1779 to register.

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The program will be conducted on Tuesdays at Spanish River High School, Wednesdays at Santaluces High School, and Thursdays at Palm Beach Gardens Community High School. New family orientation will be 5:30-6:15 pm. The program will operate from 6:30-8:00 pm.

When a student is suspended for an ATOD use/possession, one of the following forms must be utilized. The student must bring the ATS form that corresponds to the suspension to the program in order for Choice to Change to document attendance and completion. Choice to Change is now included as an option.

Alternative to Suspension for Alcohol and Other Drugs form 1435

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/Forms/Documents/1435.pdf>

Alternative to Suspension for Tobacco - First Offense form 1453

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/Forms/Documents/1453.pdf>

Alternative to Suspension for Tobacco - Second Offense form 1454

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/Forms/Documents/1454.pdf>

The ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENSION FOR ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS SUGGESTED PROVIDER LIST is located at

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/forms/documents/links/1435ProvList2012.pdf>

The ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENSION FOR TOBACCO SUGGESTED SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAMS list is located at

http://www.palmbeachschools.org/forms/documents/links/SCPL_EG2012.pdf

Choice to Change, Inc. works extensively with Youth Court and comes highly recommended. Student Intervention Services is overseeing program implementation. Please direct questions or comments to the contact person noted above.

EWG/JA/JL/EVA/KCW:mk/cy

Attachments

Approved: _____



E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
STUDENT INTERVENTION SERVICES

DATE
STUDENT NUMBER

Alternative to Suspension for Tobacco - First Offense

Student Name	Grade	School
Student Address		

The student named above has been suspended for a mandatory 5-day Out-of-School Suspension for:

An Alternative to Suspension (ATS) for Tobacco program exists for Palm Beach County Schools that allows for a waiver of up to three (3) days of the mandatory 5-day suspension. To receive three (3) days in abeyance (held aside), the student, voluntarily, and with the consent and encouragement of the parent/caregiver, must complete one of the following options:

- 1) Choice to Change, an educational program offered by Choice to Change, Inc. and coordinated by Student Intervention Services. Requirement: student and parent/caregiver must attend three (3) consecutive sessions.
- 2) Completion of a smoking cessation program. Requirement: student must attend all sessions.

At the time of your child's suspension, the school administrator will give you the Choice to Change (C2C) contact information and the Suggested Smoking Cessation Program List. To enroll in Choice to Change, call 561-745-1779.

[Program List - English](#)
[Program List - Spanish](#)
[Program List - Creole](#)

To turn the last three (3) suspension days into days held in abeyance (held aside), you, as the student's parent/caregiver, must take action within the first three (3) days of the Out-of-School Suspension. You are required to bring this Alternative to Suspension for Tobacco Form with you to the Choice to Change program or to the smoking cessation program. Upon completion of either program, this form will be returned to you. It is your responsibility to ensure that the form is submitted to the school administrator within five (5) days of completion of the ATS program.

If your child does not complete Choice to Change program or the smoking cessation program, the administrator can suspend your child from school for the remainder of the 5-day suspension.

Signature of Student _____	Date _____	Date of Suspension _____
Signature of Parent/Caregiver _____	Date _____	Return Date (with Alternative Registration) _____
Signature of School Administrator _____	Date _____	Return Date (if NO Alternative Program) _____

The above-named student participated, as indicated below, in the Choice to Change Program or a smoking cessation program.

Choice to Change Program Completed program Did not complete program (Explain below)

Session 1 Date _____ Session 2 Date _____ Session 3 Date _____

Comments/Recommendations _____

Smoking Cessation Program Completed program Did not complete program (Explain below)

Start Date _____ End Date _____ Number of Sessions _____

Comments/Recommendations _____

I certify that the student named above has completed the Choice to Change Program or a smoking cessation program for the Alternative to Suspension for Tobacco program.

School Location or Name of Agency _____ Signature of Smoking Cessation/Choice to Change Facilitator _____ Date _____

Smoking Cessation/Choice to Change Facilitator Telephone _____ Print Name of Smoking Cessation/Choice to Change Facilitator _____



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH
 COUNTY STUDENT INTERVENTION SERVICES
 3300 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33406-5870

DATE
STUDENT NUMBER

Alternative to Suspension for Tobacco - Second Offense

Student Name	Grade	School
Student Address		

The student named above has been suspended for a mandatory 5-day Out-of-School Suspension for:

An Alternative to Suspension (ATS) for Tobacco program exists for Palm Beach County Schools that allows for a waiver of up to two (2) days of the mandatory 5-day suspension. To receive two (2) days in abeyance (held aside), the student, voluntarily, and with the consent and encouragement of the parent/caregiver, must complete one of the following options:

- 1) Choice to Change, an educational program offered by Choice to Change, Inc. and coordinated by Student Intervention Services. Requirement: Student and parent/caregiver must attend six consecutive sessions.
- 2) Completion of a smoking cessation program. Requirement: student must attend all sessions.

At the time of your child's suspension, the school administrator will give you the Choice to Change (C2C) contact information and the Suggested Smoking Cessation Program List and the ATS for Alcohol and Other Drugs Suggested Provider List. To enroll in Choice to Change, call 561-745-1779.

Program List - English	Program List - Spanish	Program List - Creole
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To turn the last two (2) suspension days into days held in abeyance (held aside), you, as the student's parent/caregiver, must take action within the first two (2) days of the Out-Of-School Suspension. You are required to bring this Alternative to Suspension for Tobacco Form with you to the Choice to Change Program or to the smoking cessation program. Upon completion of either program, this form will be returned to you. It is your responsibility to ensure that the form is submitted to the school administrator within five (5) days of completion of the ATS program.

If your child does not complete the Choice to Change program or the smoking cessation program, the administrator can suspend your child from school for the remainder of the 10-day suspension.

Signature of Student	Date	Date of Suspension
Signature of Parent/Caregiver	Date	Return Date (with Alternative Registration)
Signature of School Administrator	Date	Return Date (if NO Alternative Program)

The above-named student participated, as indicated below, in the Choice to Change Program or a smoking cessation program.

Choice to Change Program Completed program Did not complete program (Explain below)

Session 1 Date _____ Session 2 Date _____ Session 3 Date _____

Session 4 Date _____ Session 5 Date _____ Session 6 Date _____

Comments/Recommendations _____

Smoking Cessation Program Completed program Did not complete program (Explain below)

Start Date _____ End Date _____ Number of Sessions _____

Comments/Recommendations _____

I certify that the student named above has completed the Choice to Change program or a smoking cessation program for the Alternative to Suspension for Tobacco program.

School Location or Name of Agency	Signature of Smoking Cessation/Choice to Change Facilitator	Date
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Smoking Cessation/Choice to Change Facilitator Telephone	Print Name of Smoking Cessation/Choice to Change Facilitator
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**ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENSION FOR ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS
SUGGESTED PROVIDER LIST**

The student's family may choose any licensed practitioner to conduct an assessment. The agencies listed below are familiar with the School District's Alternative to Suspension Program.

Name of Provider	Contact Person Phone Number	Total Cost for Three-Part Assessment
<p>The Banyan Group 3898 Via Poinciana Drive, Suite 13 Lake Worth, FL 33467</p> <p>9200 Belvedere Road, Suite 103 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411</p> <p>2385 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33431</p> <p>4440 PGA Boulevard, Suite 600 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410</p> <p>1920 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Ste 118 West Palm Beach, FL 33409</p>	<p>Richerd Whittemore (561) 967-2566 (561) 967-4556 Fax</p>	<p align="center">"No Fee" Assessment Academic School Year 2012-2013</p>
<p>Best Life Counseling 1001 W. Indiantown Rd., Ste 107 Jupiter, FL 33458</p>	<p>Jennifer Benaim (561)745-8889</p>	<p align="center">Please call for fee schedule 561-745-8889</p>
<p>Counseling Services of Lake Worth 416 North Dixie Highway Lake Worth, FL 33460</p>	<p>Steve Ladd (561) 547-0303 (561) 547-0050 Fax</p>	<p align="center">\$75.00 – 3 sessions (\$35 urinalysis for a 5 panel drug test)</p>
<p>Drug Abuse Treatment Association (DATA) 1720 East Tiffany Drive, Suite 102 Mangonia Park, FL 33407</p>	<p>(561) 844-3556 (561) 845-0316 Fax</p>	<p align="center">\$50.00 – 3 sessions (\$25 urinalysis for a 5 panel drug test)</p>
<p>Drug Testing & Counseling Services 2677 Forest Hill Boulevard, Suite 102 West Palm Beach, FL 33406</p>	<p>Laura Carakatsanis (561) 433-0123 (561) 967-3484 Fax</p>	<p align="center">\$100.00 – 3 sessions (includes cost of urinalysis)</p>
<p>Linda Berlin, Psy.D. & Psychological Associates 7000 Palmetto Park Road, Suite 407 Boca Raton, FL 33433</p>	<p>Kimberlee Trinkofsky (561) 347-0997 (561) 347-0996 Fax</p>	<p align="center">\$525.00 Sliding scale fees available Most insurance accepted</p>
<p>New Options 12794 W. Forest Hill Boulevard, Suite 18B Wellington, FL 33414</p>	<p>Gwen Johnson (561) 795-1518 (561) 795-1629 Fax</p>	<p align="center">\$90.00 – 3 sessions (plus cost of urinalysis)</p>
<p>Palm Beach Counseling, LLC Glades Medical Center, 9325 Glades Rd., Ste 208 Boca Raton, FL 33434 Wellington Reserve, Suite 315 1035 State Rd. 7, Wellington, FL 33414</p>	<p>Amanda Bartell (561) 797-3900 (561) 482-2690 Fax</p>	<p align="center">\$90.00 – 3 sessions (includes cost of drug test) Insurance accepted</p>

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ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENSION FOR TOBACCO SUGGESTED SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAMS

The student's family may choose any provider to provide a Smoking Cessation Class. The agencies listed below are familiar with the Alternative to Suspension for Tobacco Program and provide classes for adolescents.

Name of Provider	Contact Person and Phone Number	Cost for Smoking Cessation Classes and Number of Sessions
<p style="text-align: center;">The Banyan Group 2385 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33498</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4440 PGA Boulevard, Suite 600 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1920 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Suite 118 West Palm Beach, FL 33409</p>	<p>Richerd Whittemore (561) 967-2566 (561) 967-4556 Fax</p>	<p>"No Fee" Assessment Academic School Year 2012-2013</p>
<p>Best Life Counseling 1001 W. Indiantown Rd., Ste 107 Jupiter, FL 33458</p>	<p>Jennifer Benaim (561)745-8889 (561)354-0189 Fax</p>	<p>3 sessions \$45.00 Open Enrollment</p>
<p>Drug Testing & Counseling Services 2677 Forest Hill Boulevard, Suite 102 West Palm Beach, FL 33406</p>	<p>Laura Carakatsanis (561) 433-0123 (561) 967-3484 Fax</p>	<p>6 Sessions \$30 / Session Open Enrollment</p>
<p>New Options 12794 W. Forest Hill Boulevard, Suite 18B Wellington, FL 33414</p>	<p>Cassandra Sierra (561) 795-1518 (561) 795-1629 Fax</p>	<p>3 Sessions \$35 / Session Open Enrollment</p>
<p>Palm Beach Counseling, LLC Glades Medical Center, 9325 Glades Rd., Ste 208 Boca Raton, FL 33434</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wellington Reserve, Suite 315 1035 State Rd. 7, Wellington, FL 33414</p>	<p>Amanda Bartell (561) 797-3900 (561) 482-2690 Fax</p>	<p>5 Sessions \$40 / Session Open Enrollment</p>

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Choice to Change (C2C)

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1. Parent calls **Choice to Change 561-745-1779** to register.
PARENT/GUARDIAN (Adult) MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS WITH STUDENT
2. Youth will take the Alternative to Suspension (ATS) form to the program and return it to the school once he/she completes the sessions required for the offense.
3. New Family Orientation: Arrive 5:15 pm

3 sites (5 classrooms at each high school site)

Spanish River HS	Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Santaluces HS	Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Palm Beach Gardens HS	Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Tobacco 1st Offense: 5 days suspension

ATS= 3 days held in abeyance if **3 Choice to Change sessions completed**

Tobacco 2nd Offense: 5 days suspension

ATS= 2 days held in abeyance if **6 Choice to Change sessions completed**

Alcohol and Other Drugs 1st Offense: 10 days suspension

ATS= 5 days held in abeyance if **6 Choice to Change sessions completed**