

# Policy calls for suspension following an arrest

## SCHOOL

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“Teachers have x-amount of hours to self-report,” Director of Personnel Kiki Puhl responded.

Under the local school board’s proposed code of conduct and discipline matrix up for a public hearing: “Suspension proceedings, pursuant to

rules of the State Board of Education, may be initiated against any enrolled student who is formally charged with a felony, or delinquent act which would be a felony if committed by an adult...for an incident which allegedly occurred on property other than public school property, if that incident is shown, in an administrative hearing

with notice provided to the parents of the student by the principal of the school pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education and to rules developed pursuant to F.S. 1001.54, to have an adverse impact on the educational program, discipline or welfare in the school in which the student is enrolled.”

“Any student who is suspended as the result of such proceedings may be suspended from all classes of instruction on public grounds during regular classroom hours for a period of time, which may exceed 10 days, as determined by the district school superintendent,” the proposed wording states.

“The suspension shall not affect the delivery of educational services to the student, and the student shall be immediately enrolled in a daytime alternative education program, or an evening alternative education program, where appropriate.

“If the court determines the student did commit the felony or delinquent act which would have been a felony if committed by an adult, the district school board may expel the

student, provided under this subsection shall not affect the delivery of educational services to the student in any residential, nonresidential, alternative, daytime, or evening program outside of the regular school setting.

“Any student who is subject to discipline or expulsion for unlawful possession or use of any substance controlled under F.S. Chapter 893 may be entitled to a waiver of discipline or expulsion:

“1. If the student divulges information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who supplied the

controlled substance to the student, or if the student voluntarily discloses his or her unlawful possession of the controlled substance prior to his or her arrest. Any information divulged which leads to arrest and conviction is not admissible in evidence in a subsequent criminal trial against the student divulging the information.

“2. If the student commits himself or herself, or is referred by the court in lieu of sentence, to a state-licensed drug abuse program and successfully completes the program,” the proposed policy states.

Additional changes in the discipline matrix modified the district dress code to be “less subjective.”

“We still want our students to be modest, but the changes are more specific, such as shorts or dresses being four inches above the knee,” Beshears said.

The addition of “restorative practices” when approaching discipline are aimed at “working to keep students in school and focus on prevention on the front end. We want to focus on teaching students correct behaviors and expectations.”

## Pre-screening will be conducted prior to an appointment

## MONKEYPOX

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monkeypox outbreak.

“However, anyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, who has been in close, personal contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk,” CDC officials said. “Take steps to prevent getting monkeypox. If you have any symptoms of monkeypox, talk to a healthcare provider.”

Those interested in obtaining the monkeypox

vaccination locally can call DOH-Taylor at (850) 584-5087 to be placed on a waitlist. Pre-screening will be conducted prior to an appointment being issued. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Hepatitis A and Meningococcal disease vaccinations will also be offered at the time of your appointment.

For more information on monkeypox, visit the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>.

## Moderna, Pfizer both seek emergency authorizations

## COVID

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the new boosters will be available for nearly anybody who wants them.

According to multiple reports, the expected emergency authorization for the Pfizer booster will be for anyone age 12 and older who has completed their original vaccine series, while the Moderna booster will be anyone 18 or older who has completed their series.

FDA officials are expected to meet as early as the end of this week to discuss the authorizations,

which both companies have officially applied for. If approved, reports indicate that vaccines could begin shipping as early as next week.

It is unclear when the vaccines would be available locally, but the new rollout will likely be through pharmacies and medical providers.

According to Florida Department of Health in Taylor County Operations Manager Martine Young, there are currently no plans to offer any COVID-19 vaccines clinics.

Unlike the original vaccines, if the new

boosters receive emergency authorization, it will be without human testing, which has raised some questions, but FDA Commissioner Dr. Robert M. Califf countered that it is not unusual when approving bivalent vaccines.

“Bivalent and multivalent vaccines are very common and modifying a vaccine to include different virus strains often does not require a change in other ingredients,” Dr. Califf said via twitter. “FDA has extensive experience with reviewing strain changes in vaccines, as is done with the annual flu vaccine.”

## LEGALS

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## ‘Time, memories are only bandages on wounds that will never fully heal’

## REMEMBER WHEN

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and a belt. Then she’d started whipping butts.

In between each child, she’d catch her breath and take a few puffs from her asthma pump. When she was done, and we were acting like children with some home training, she’d go back to being the best and sweetest grandmother in the world.

The memories of my grandmother Thelma are not as vivid as the memories of my mother and my grandmother Doris because I was only four when she passed. I can still remember sitting in her lap on the front porch of her house on Schwartz Street and holding her hand as we walked down the street to Nola’s Store. All of the memories aren’t happy ones. I can still remember

my mother coming to pick me up from kindergarten class at Jerkins School one morning and telling me that my grandmother Thelma had died. That was my first experience with death.

I lost my favorite girls 13 years ago, 28 years ago, and 53 years ago. Life went on. But every July, August and September, I realize that time and memories are only bandages on wounds that will never fully heal.

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