

Mission Statement

To develop and implement a community-wide partnership that promotes a drug, alcohol, and violence-free environment for all our children and youth within the school boundaries of the greater Vienna school community.



Background of the VMCC

The Vienna-Madison Community Coalition was established in the spring of 1995, as a result of a meeting of concerned parents, educators, business, religious and community organizations, including the police, Parks and Recreation Dept., and the Chamber of Commerce. The participants agreed that greater community-wide awareness and involvement is needed to ensure the safety of our youth. The coalition receives funding and administrative support from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) through two federal grants and we receive public and private donations.

The Madison Pyramid

Who We Include...

James Madison High School
Cedar Lane School
Thoreau and Kilmer Middle Schools
Cunningham Park, Flint Hill, Louise Archer,
Marshall Road, Vienna and
Wolftrap Elementary Schools

Parents - Educators - Students - Local Law
Enforcement - Local Government
- Businesses - Faith Community
-Civic Organizations - Concerned Citizens

Collaboration with St. Mark, Our Lady of Good
Counsel, and Flint Hill Schools

What We Have Done

- ◆ Forums for Parents: Cyber-bullying, Gang Prevention, Bong Show (drug education), Student Panel, Law Enforcement Panel, Parent-to-Parent Dialogue.
- ◆ Mailings of brochures addressing underage drinking to parents of students.
- ◆ Establishment of a parent pledge not to provide alcohol to teens and to chaperone teen parties.
- ◆ Project Sticker Shock to highlight adult liability for providing alcohol to minors.
- ◆ Advertisements in school newspapers.
- ◆ Support of after-school programs.
- ◆ Support of Vienna Teen Neighborhood College, a student leadership training program.
- ◆ Support of Senior Ethics Day.
- ◆ Support of the All-Night Graduation Celebration, an alcohol and drug-free event.

Benefits of Involvement

- ◆ Share information and concerns with like-minded parents about the issues facing youth in our community concerning alcohol, other drugs, and violence.
- ◆ Learn about the evidence-based prevention programs and strategies at local, state and national trainings.
- ◆ Collaborate with other parent, community, and county groups to prevent and reduce violence, alcohol and other drug use among youth.
- ◆ Network with other school-community coalitions in Fairfax County to leverage resources and advocate for change.
- ◆ Help plant seeds early to support our children and teens in making the right choices.
- ◆ Be a part of a community-wide support system for our youth.

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Join us
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Vienna-Madison Community Coalition

A Community and School
Partnership
joining forces to promote a drug,
alcohol and violence free
community for our youth



Educating the public is the best way to address teen drug problems

Parents and Teens, Know the Law...

- ◆ It is a Class 1 misdemeanor to sell or produce a **fake ID**. It is a Class 2 mis-demeanor to possess a **fake ID**. A young adult (18-20), who uses a fake ID to buy, possess or drink alcohol, can lose his or her driver's license for up to a year, be fined up to \$2,500 and face up to 12 months in jail. ¹
- ◆ Youth caught possessing, consuming or buying **alcohol, or other illegal drugs**, will be charged. In court, the young person will lose his or her license for 6 months, be fined, put in jail or given community service. If caught on school property, the youth faces possible expulsion. If caught off school property, the student still faces loss of all after-school activities. Auto Insurance may increase. ²
- ◆ It is illegal to provide **alcohol to a minor**, even in your own home. Providing alcohol can result in legal charges associated with allowing underage persons to possess or consume alcohol. This is a class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a \$2,500 fine. ¹
- ◆ **Parental responsibility** includes civil liability to pay damages if a partygoer is hurt or a third party is injured due to underage alcohol consumption. Parents can face criminal charges for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. ¹
- ◆ **Virginia is a "Zero Tolerance" state, first offenses are chargeable.** ¹

References

1. www.abc.state.va.us, or www.dmvnow.com
2. MADD: www.maddnova.org



Keep In Touch

To sign-up for coalition messages through KIT (Keep In Touch), Fairfax County Public School's e-mail notification service; go to <https://fcps.medianext.com/fcps/signup.html> Once in KIT, under the "County" or "All" tab, go to Question #5 and check the box for **Safe and Drug-Free Youth Community Coalition.**

Key Findings from the 2005 Fairfax County Youth Survey (6th, 8th, 10th and 12th Grades):

Alcohol

- ◆ Alcohol is the most widely abused substance by students in Fairfax County, similar to the national trend.
- ◆ The average age of the onset of alcohol consumption for males is age 12 and for females is age 13.
- ◆ At least 47.9% of 12th grade students, 29.5% of 10th graders, 16.0% of 8th graders, and 3.7% of 6th graders reported having consumed alcohol in the last month.
- ◆ Binge drinking, having five or more drinks in a row, was reported by 1.1% of 6th graders, 5.3% of 8th graders, 11.6% of 10th graders, and 26.1% of 12th graders.
- ◆ 7.8% of students said they had been drunk or high while attending school.
- ◆ 37.4% of students had ridden in a car driven by a friend who had been drinking.
- ◆ 19.9% of students age 16 and older have driven a car while under the influence of alcohol.

Marijuana

- ◆ 15% of students in Fairfax County (including 6th grade students) have used marijuana. The age of onset is 14.

Inhalants

- ◆ 3% of 6th grade students and 5.5% of 8th graders reported using inhalants within the past month.

Prescription Drugs

- ◆ 6.2% of high school seniors reported using a painkiller without a prescription in the past month.