

Students

Alcohol and Other Drugs

The district will conduct a comprehensive Substance Abuse Prevention Program that will incorporate the oral and ethical values taught in the Character Education curriculum. The basic intent of the prevention program is to provide students with the strength of character to resist involvement with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by providing instruction in positive self-esteem and development, knowledge and facts about substance abuse and desirable personal and social skills. Through the mediums of these effective instructional programs, the Board of Trustees intends to help the District's students and schools to be drug alcohol and tobacco free.

It is the position of the Board that drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse will lead to adverse social, educational, economic and legal consequences. With the schools being uniquely capable of providing the long-range solution, that being the elimination of the demand for drugs, alcohol and tobacco products, the Board has developed a proactive as well as reactive program to avoid perpetuation of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse problems. Cooperation in these efforts should be established among parents, resource agencies, law enforcement and the community. The Board encourages the use of community representatives, such as PTA presidents or designees and School Site Council members as members of the District Advisory Committee when appropriate for the purposes of this policy.

Instruction

The district shall provide preventative instruction that helps students to avoid the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and teaches students how to influence their peers to avoid and/or discontinue the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Instruction shall be designed to answer students' questions related to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

The instructional program will enable students to:

- A. Develop character traits that encompass social and personal skills to resist involvement with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs;
- B. Develop and maintain a positive self-concept;
- C. Obtain and use current and accurate information.

The curriculum will be comprehensive and sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade levels.

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The Board encourages staff to display attitudes that make them positive role models for students with regard to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Staff should help students see themselves as responsible partners in efforts to maintain a safe, constructive school climate.

All instruction and related materials shall stress the concept of “no unlawful use” of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and shall not include the concept of “responsible use” when such use is illegal.

Intervention

The Board recognizes that there may be students on our campuses who use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and can benefit from intervention. The Board supports intervention programs that include the involvement of students, parents/guardians and community agencies/organizations.

The Board finds it essential that school personnel be trained to identify symptoms that may include use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The responsibilities of staff in working with, intervening and reporting students suspected of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use shall be clearly defined in administrative regulations.

Administrative regulations may include the roles and responsibilities of law or staff as reflected in procedures that the district and police service agency have established for the coordinated alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention intervention system.

Nonpunitive Self-Referral

The Board strongly encourages any student who is using alcohol, tobacco or drugs to discuss the matter with his/her parent/guardian, principal, counselor or with any staff member. Students who disclose past use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs when seeking help from an intervention or recovery program shall not be punished or disciplined for such past use.

Recovering Student Support

The Board recognizes the possible presence of recovering students in the school and the necessity to support these students in avoiding reinvolvement with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

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Enforcement/Discipline

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate action to eliminate possession, use or sale of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and related paraphernalia on school grounds, at school events or in any situation in which the school is responsible for the conduct and well-being of students. Students possessing, selling and/or using alcohol, tobacco, other drugs or related paraphernalia shall be subject to disciplinary procedures that may result in suspension or expulsion.

School authorities may search students and school properties for the possession of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs as long as such searches are conducted in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

Legal Reference:

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction

EDUCATION CODE

44049 Known or suspected alcohol or drug abuse by student

48900 Suspension or expulsion (grounds)

48900.5 Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception

48901 Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited

48901.5 Prohibition of electronic signaling devices

48902 Notification of law enforcement authorities; civil or criminal immunity

48909 Narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs

48915 Expulsion; particular circumstances

49423 Administration of prescribed medication

49480 Notice to school by parent or guardian; consultation with physician

49602 Confidentiality of pupil information

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51203 Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs

51210 Areas of study

51220 Areas of study, grades 7 to 12

51260 Elementary and secondary school instruction in drug education by appropriately trained instructors

51262 Use of anabolic steroids; legislative finding and declaration

51264 CDE assistance for inservice training

51265 Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention inservice

51268 Collaboration to avoid duplication of effort

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Legal Reference:

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11032 Narcotics, restricted dangerous drugs and marijuana; construction of terms used in other divisions

11053-11058 Standards and schedules

11353.6 Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act

11357 Unauthorized possession of marijuana; punishment; prior conviction; possession in school or on school grounds

11361.5 Destruction of arrest or conviction records

11372.7 Drug program fund; uses

11802 Joint school-community alcohol abuse primary education and prevention program

11965-11969 The School-Community Primary Prevention Program

11998-11998.3 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Master Plans

11999-11999.3 Alcohol and drug program funding; no unlawful use

124175-124200 Adolescent family life program (Department of Health Services)

PENAL CODE

13864 Comprehensive alcohol and drug prevention education

VEHICLE CODE

13202.5 Drug and alcohol related offenses by person under age of 21, but aged 13 or over; suspension, delay, or restriction of driving privileges

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

828 Disclosure of information re minors

828.1 Disclosure of criminal records; protection of vulnerable staff & students

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

5812 National education goals

7101-7184 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

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