

Alcohol And Other Drugs

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The Board desires that every effort be made to reduce the chances that our students will begin or continue the use of alcohol and other drugs. Alcohol, like any other controlled substance, is illegal for use by minors. The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement and evaluate a comprehensive prevention and intervention program that is coordinated with other school and community-based services and programs. The district's program shall be scientifically based and designed to prevent or reduce alcohol or other drug use and the possession and distribution of illegal drugs. It shall include primary prevention activities such as decision-making skills and conflict management, instruction, referral to a rehabilitation program, enforcement/discipline, activities that promote the involvement of parents/guardians and coordination with appropriate community agencies and organizations.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

(cf. 3515 - School Safety and Security)

(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing Program)

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Recognizing that keeping schools free of alcohol and other drugs is a concern common to the district and community, the Board supports cooperation among schools, parents/guardians, law enforcement and other appropriate community organizations involved in preventing alcohol and other drug abuse.

The Superintendent or designee shall clearly communicate to all students, staff and parents/guardians the district's policies, regulations and school rules related to the use of alcohol and other drugs on school campuses or at school activities. Information about program needs and goals shall be widely distributed in the community.

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

Staff should encourage students to participate as responsible partners in efforts to maintain a safe, constructive school climate.

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

The district's drug education program shall augment county drug education services, if any. District staff shall take every opportunity to cooperate with county and county office of education staff in planning and implementing collaborative alcohol and drug prevention programs.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

The Board expects staff to conduct themselves in accordance with the districts philosophy related to alcohol and other drugs. Staff should help students see themselves as responsible partners in efforts to maintain a safe, constructive school climate.

To obtain the broadest possible input and support for district policies and programs, the Board shall appoint a districtwide school-community advisory committee to make recommendations related to the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse as mandated by law.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

Instruction

The district shall provide science-based preventative instruction which has been proven effective in helping students avoid the use of alcohol and other drugs.

(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

All instruction and related materials shall consistently state that unlawful use of alcohol or other drugs is wrong and harmful. Instruction shall not include the concept of responsible use of drugs or alcohol when such use is illegal. (20 USC 7114, 7162; Health and Safety Code 11999.2)

The district shall offer staff development activities for staff who implement the comprehensive drug and alcohol prevention and intervention program.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Intervention, Referral and Student Assistance Programs

The Board recognizes that there are students on our campuses who use alcohol 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.

School staff, students and parents/guardians shall be informed about early warning signs which may indicate alcohol and other drug use and about appropriate agencies offering intervention programs, counseling, referral and other student assistance programs.

District procedures shall define the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement staff as reflected in procedures which the district and law enforcement agency have established for the coordinated alcohol and drug prevention intervention system. Law enforcement staff shall receive copies of all Board policies, regulations, procedures and school rules related to this program.

Nonpunitive Self-Referral

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

Recovering Student Support

The Board recognizes the presence of recovering students in the schools and the necessity to support these students in avoiding reinvolvement with alcohol and other drugs. The district shall provide ongoing school activities which enhance recovery.

Enforcement/Discipline

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate action to eliminate possession, use or sale of alcohol and other drugs and related paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities. Students possessing, selling and/or using alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia shall be subject to disciplinary procedures which may result in suspension or expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement in accordance with law. Board policy and administrative regulations. Such students also may be referred to an appropriate rehabilitation program and/or be restricted from extracurricular activities, including athletics.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

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

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44049 Known or suspected alcohol or drug abuse by student

44645 In-service training anabolic steroids
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
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 - 51269 Drug education
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE
25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction
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 -13864 Suppression of drug abuse in schools
VEHICLE CODE
13202.5 Drug and alcohol related offenses by person under age of 21, but aged 13 or over
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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