

Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 5131.63

Anabolic Steroids

The Governing Board recognizes that the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing supplements presents a serious health and safety hazard. As part of the district's drug prevention and intervention efforts, the Superintendent or designee and staff shall make every reasonable effort to prevent students from using steroids or other performance-enhancing supplements.

Students in grades 7-12 shall receive a lesson on the effects of steroids as part of their health, physical education, or drug education program.

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Students participating in interscholastic athletics are prohibited from using steroids and dietary supplements banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency as well as the substance synephrine. (Education Code 49030).

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Before participating in interscholastic athletics, a student athlete and their parent/guardian shall sign a statement that the student athlete pledges not to use androgenic/anabolic steroids and dietary supplements banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and the substance synephrine, unless the student has a written prescription from a licensed health care practitioner to treat a medical condition.

A student who is found to have violated the agreement or this policy shall be restricted from participating in athletics and shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

Coaches shall educate students about the district's prohibition and the dangers of using steroids and other performance-enhancing supplements.

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district schools do not accept sponsorships or donations from supplement manufacturers that offer muscle-building supplements to students.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

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marital status, pregnancy or parental status, medical information, military veteran status, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or any other basis protected by law or regulation, in its educational program(s) or employment.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49030-49034 Performance-enhancing supplements

51260-51269 Drug education, especially:

51262 Use of anabolic steroids; legislative finding and declaration

CIVIL CODE

1812.97 Warning statement; posting in athletic facilities

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

110423.2 Dietary supplements

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