

STUDENTS

Alcohol and Other Drugs

The Board of Trustees believes that the use of alcohol or other drugs adversely affects a student's ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful, and has serious social and legal consequences. The Board desires to keep district schools free of alcohol and other drugs and desires that every effort be made to reduce student use of these substances. The Board perceives this effort as an important step towards preventing violence, promoting school safety and creating a disciplined environment conducive to learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a comprehensive prevention and intervention program that includes instruction, referral to a rehabilitation program, enforcement/discipline, activities that promote the involvement of parents/guardians and coordination with appropriate community agencies and organizations.

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.

The Board expects staff to conduct themselves in accordance with the district's 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.

The Board also encourages the establishment of site-level advisory groups to assist in promoting alcohol- and drug-free schools.

Instruction

The district shall provide preventative instruction that helps students avoid the use of alcohol and other drugs. Comprehensive, age-appropriate K-8 instruction shall address the legal, social, personal and health consequences of drug and alcohol use, promote a sense of individual responsibility, and inform students about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use alcohol and other drugs.

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 when such use is illegal.

Teachers shall be trained to answer students' questions related to alcohol and drugs and to help students obtain and use current and accurate information, develop and maintain a positive self-concept, take positive actions to cope with stress, and use appropriate social and personal skills to resist involvement with alcohol and other drugs.

Intervention, Referral and Recovering Student Support

The Board believes that effective interventions should be available to assist students who use alcohol or other drugs. School staff, students and parents/guardians shall be informed about signs and symptoms which may indicate alcohol and other drug use and about appropriate agencies offering intervention programs, counseling and rehabilitation for students and their family members. The district shall help recovering students to avoid reinvolvement with alcohol and other drugs by providing school and/or community service activities designed to increase students' sense of community.

The Board strongly encourages any student who is using alcohol or drugs to discuss the matter with his/her 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 disciplined for such use.

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, at school events, or in any situation in which the school is responsible for the conduct and well-being of students. School authorities may search students and school properties for the possession of alcohol and other drugs in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

Students possessing, using or selling alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia at school or at a school event shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including suspension or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations. Such students also may be referred to an appropriate rehabilitation program.

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

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

PUBLIC LAW 107-110

- 4001-4304 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

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