

Students

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Because the use of alcohol and 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 of Education intends to keep District schools free of alcohol and other drugs.

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 a comprehensive prevention program that includes instruction, intervention, recovering student support, enforcement/discipline and positive alternatives. The Superintendent or designee shall clearly communicate to students, staff and parents/guardians all Board policies, regulations, procedures and school rules related to this prevention program. Special efforts shall be made to ensure that these materials are understood by parents/guardians and students of limited literacy or limited English proficiency. (cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing Program) (5131.62 - Tobacco) (5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

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.

To obtain the widest possible input and support for District policies and programs, the Board shall appoint a Districtwide school-community advisory committee to make recommendations in this area related to the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse. (cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

The Board also encourages the use of site-level advisory groups in this area. (Health and Safety Code 11998.1)

Instruction

The District shall provide instructional programs which help students to avoid the use of alcohol or other drugs and teaches students how to influence their peers to avoid and/or discontinue the use of alcohol or other drugs. Instruction shall be designed to answer student's questions related to alcohol and other drugs. (cf. 6164.11 - Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco)

The instructional programs will help students obtain and use current and accurate information, develop and maintain a positive self-concept, take positive actions to cope with stress, use appropriate social and personal skills to resist involvement with alcohol and other drugs, develop skills to manage conflicts and provide information on positive alternative activities.

The curriculum will be K-12, comprehensive and sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade levels.

BP 5131.6(b)

The Board encourages staff to display attitudes which make them positive role models for students with regard to alcohol 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 or other drugs and shall not include the concept of "responsible use" when such use is illegal. (cf. 6142.2 - AIDS Instruction) (cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Intervention

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.

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

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about the signs of alcohol and other drug use and about appropriate agencies offering counseling.

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 Board 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, 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 or other drugs or related paraphernalia shall be subject to disciplinary procedures which may result in suspension or expulsion. (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

School authorities may search students, including breathalyser testing, and school properties for the use and/or 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)

Confiscation of Beepers/Communication Devices

Because electronic signaling and communication devices (beepers and/or telephones) are used to facilitate illegal drug transactions, the possession or use of such devices by students is prohibited on school premises, at all school-sponsored activities and at any time while students are under the supervision and control of District employees.

An exception shall be made when it is determined by a licensed physician, surgeon, psychiatrist or psychologist to be essential for the health of the pupil and use of which is limited to purposes related to the health of the pupil. The principal and/or designee has the authority to determine additional exceptions from the health and/or welfare of any student. Unauthorized devices shall be confiscated by the Superintendent or designee. (cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44049	Known or suspected alcohol or controlled substance 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
49423	Notice to school by parent or guardian; consultation with physician
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	SDE assistance for inservice training
51265	Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention inservice
51266	Model curriculum for grades 2, 4, and 6
51268	Coordination of resources

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11032	Narcotics, restricted dangerous drugs and marijuana; construction of terms used in other divisions
11353.6	Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act
11357	Unauthorized possession of marijuana; punishment; prior conviction; possession in school
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
11965-11969.5	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
<u>PENAL CODE</u>	
13864	Comprehensive alcohol and drug prevention education
<u>VEHICLE CODE</u>	
13202.5	Drug and alcohol related offenses by person under age of 21, but aged 13 or over, etc.
<u>WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE</u>	
828	Disclosure of information re minors
828.1	Disclosure of criminal records; protection of vulnerable staff & students
<u>DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ACT OF 1986</u>	
Public Law 99-570	
<u>DRUG-FREE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1989</u>	
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