

Students

Alcohol and Other Drugs

The Board of Education 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 in order to help prevent violence, promote school safety and create a well-disciplined environment conducive to learning.

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.

The Board of Education and Superintendent shall agree upon performance measures that will be used to monitor and determine the effectiveness of the district's program in reducing drug and alcohol use. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement an evaluation process that includes ongoing assessment and analysis of objective data regarding the incidence of drug and alcohol use among district students, including discipline problems, and the prevalence of risk factors.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with principals, teachers, other school personnel, students and parents/guardians when developing the district's program.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

The Board of Education 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 or at school-sponsored activities.

School properties may be inspected by school authorities in the interest of maintenance, health and safety. Inspections for the location of controlled substances, alcohol or intoxicants are matters relating to health and safety and may be conducted by school personnel so long as such inspections are conducted in accordance with constitutional requirements of applicable state law and federal law relating to searches and seizures.

Students possessing, using or selling alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including suspension or expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement in accordance with law, Board policy and rules. In addition, such students may be referred to an appropriate counseling program, transferred to an alternative placement, and/or be placed on social probation as in Policy/Rule 6145, Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities and restricted from extracurricular activities, including athletics.

The Board of Education believes that school personnel must be trained to identify symptoms which may indicate use of alcohol and other drugs.

Recognizing the importance of deterring alcohol use and identifying students under the influence, appropriately trained school authorities may use breathalyzers as a means for such detection. Breathalyzers may be used on school property, during school hours, at school-sponsored events or when students are under the supervision of district employees.

Legal References: 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
- 60041 Instructional materials
- 60110-60115 Instructional materials on alcohol and drug education

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

- 25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction

HEALTH & SAFETY CODE:

- 11032 Narcotics, restricted dangerous drugs and marijuana
- 11053-11058 Standards and schedules
- 11353.6 Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act
- 11357 Unauthorized possession of marijuana; 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

111965-11969 The School-Community Primary Prevention Program

11998-11998.3 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Master Plan

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

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

PENAL CODE

13860-13864 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

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/at>

California Healthy Kids:

<http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/index.html>

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