

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

The Governing Board 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 and enforcement/discipline.

School properties may be inspected by school authorities in the interest of maintenance, health and safety. Inspections for the location of drugs, narcotics, liquor, weapons, poisons, and missing properties are matters relating to health and safety and may be regarded as reasonable purposes for inspection by school personnel.

The Governing Board 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.

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.

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, parent/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 related to alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, the Board shall appoint a district wide school-community advisory committee to make recommendations in this area.

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The Board also supports site-level advisory groups in this area.

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 district shall provide preventative instruction which helps students avoid the use of alcohol and other drugs. Comprehensive, age-appropriate K-12 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 or other 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.

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 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.

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.

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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 has authority over 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
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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, limitation on imposition; exception
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

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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
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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
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WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

828	Disclosure of information re minors
828.1	Disclosure of criminal records; protection of Vulnerable staff & students

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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

5812

National education goals

7101-7143

Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities Act of
1994