

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT

The Board endeavors to provide a safe workplace for all employees, realizing that the use/abuse of drugs and alcohol can endanger the health, safety, and well-being of the nonuser, as well as the user.

Because of the Board's commitment to provide a safe workplace, no employee shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcohol, or any other controlled substance as defined in State and/or Federal law, in the workplace. The Board also prohibits the use and possession of legally acquired medical marijuana in the workplace.

"Workplace" is the site for the performance of any work done in connection with the District. The workplace includes any District building, property, vehicles or board-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities (at other sites off District property) or any school-sponsored or District activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event in which students are under the jurisdiction of District authorities.

As a condition of employment, each employee shall notify his/her supervisor, in writing, of his/her conviction of any criminal drug statute for a violation occurring in the workplace as defined above, not later than five days after such conviction.

Employees are given a copy of the standards of conduct and the statement of disciplinary sanctions and are notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory. When the District has reasonable suspicion an employee is under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcohol, or any other controlled substance, as defined in State and/or Federal law, the employee may be subject to testing in accordance with prescribed administrative regulations, local, State, and Federal law and/or the negotiated agreement and may be considered in violation of this policy. Employees who violate the policy shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings in accordance with prescribed administrative regulations, local, State and Federal laws, and/or the negotiated agreement, up to and including termination. Any employee in violation of this policy may be required to participate in a drug-abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved by the Board.

All employees are provided the opportunity to participate in a drug-free awareness program to inform them of requirements, services, and penalties.

A list of local drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation and re-entry programs and services offered in the community is made available to employees.

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LEGAL REFS.: Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.; 20 U.S.C. 3474,
1221e-3(a)(1)
Drug-Free Campus and Schools Act, 20 U.S.C. 3224(a)
ORC: 3796.28
4123.01 et seq.; 4123.35; 4123.54

CROSS REFS.: EB, Safety Program
EEACD, Drug Testing for District Personnel Required to Hold a
Commercial Driver's License
GBCB, Staff Conduct
GBE, Staff Health and Safety
GBQ, Criminal Records Check
Staff Handbooks

CONTRACT REFS.: Teachers' Negotiated Agreement
Classified Staff Negotiated Agreement