



STUDENTS

BOARD POLICY – ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

BP 5131.6

The County 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 County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall develop comprehensive programs and activities to foster safe, healthy, and drug-free environments that support academic achievement.

The County Education Office's alcohol and drug prevention and intervention programs shall be coordinated with other school and community-based services and programs and shall promote the involvement of parents/guardians. The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with community-based organizations, health providers, law enforcement agencies, local child welfare agencies, postsecondary institutions, businesses, and other public and private entities in program planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Prevention and intervention programs and activities may include, but are not limited to: (20 USC 7118)

1. Evidence-based drug and violence prevention activities and programs that educate students against the use of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, smokeless tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes
2. Professional development and training for school staff, specialized instructional support personnel, and interested community members on drug prevention, education, early identification, intervention mentoring, recovery support services, and, where appropriate, rehabilitation referral
3. School-based mental health services, including early identification of drug use and referrals to counseling services, and/or partnerships with public or private health care entities that have qualified mental and behavioral health professionals
4. Programs and activities that provide mentoring and school counseling to all students, including students who are at risk of drug use and abuse

Instruction

The County Education Office shall provide science-based preventative instruction which has been proven effective in helping students avoid the use of alcohol and other drugs.

Instructional materials shall consistently state that unlawful use of alcohol or other drugs is prohibited. Instruction shall not include any message on responsible use of drugs or

alcohol when such use is illegal. (Health and Safety Code 11999.2)

Intervention, Referral, and Student Assistance Programs

The County Superintendent or designee shall inform school staff, students, and parents/guardians 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 County Board strongly encourages any student who is using alcohol or drugs to discuss the matter with their 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

Students shall not possess, use, or sell alcohol or other drugs and related paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall clearly communicate to students, staff, and parents/guardians regarding policies, regulations and school rules related to the use of alcohol and other drugs.

A student who is found to be in possession of or intoxicated by drugs or alcohol shall be referred to appropriate behavioral interventions or student assistance programs, and may be subject to discipline on a case-by-case basis.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the County Superintendent of Schools or designee to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Federal

20 USC 5812
20 USC 7101-7122

Description

National education goals
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

Management Resources

Website

Website

Website

Description

[U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Healthy Students](#)
[California Healthy Kids Resource Center](#)
[California Department of Education, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention](#)

State

Bus. Code 25608

Ed. Code 44049
Ed. Code 44645
Ed. Code 48900
Ed. Code 48900.5

Description

[Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction](#)
Known or suspected alcohol or drug abuse by student
In-service training anabolic steroids
Grounds for suspension and/or expulsion
Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception

Ed. Code 48901	Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited
Ed. Code 48901.5	Prohibition of electronic signaling devices
Ed. Code 48902	Notification of law enforcement authorities; civil or criminal immunity
Ed. Code 48909	Narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs
Ed. Code 48915	Expulsion; particular circumstances
Ed. Code 49602	Confidentiality of pupil information
Ed. Code 51202	Instruction in personal and public health and safety
Ed. Code 51203	Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs
Ed. Code 51210	Areas of study
Ed. Code 51220	Areas of study, grades 7 to 12
Ed. Code 51260-51269	Drug education
Ed. Code 60041	Instructional materials
Ed. Code 60110-60115	Instructional materials on alcohol and drug education
H&S Code 11032	Narcotics, restricted dangerous drugs and marijuana
H&S Code 11053-11058	Standards and schedules
H&S Code 11353.6	Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act
H&S Code 11357	Unauthorized possession of marijuana; possession in school or on school grounds
H&S Code 11361.5	Destruction of arrest or conviction records
H&S Code 11372.7	Drug program fund; uses
H&S Code 11802	Joint school-community alcohol abuse primary education and prevention program
H&S Code 11999-11999.3	Alcohol and drug program funding; no unlawful use
H&S Code 124175-124200	Adolescent family life program
Pen. Code 13860-13864	Suppression of drug abuse in schools
Veh. Code 13202.5	Drug and alcohol related offenses by person under age of 21, but aged 13 or over
W&I Code 828	Disclosure of information re minors
W&I Code 828.1	Disclosure of criminal records; protection of vulnerable staff & students

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