

## **Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention, Health Education**

While drug, alcohol and tobacco use is dangerous in all segments of American society, it poses a special risk to young people by denying the opportunity to develop physically and psychologically. To this end, the district is committed to a drug-free school and intends to send an absolute and clear message that drug, alcohol and tobacco use as prohibited by state and federal law is illegal and will not be allowed in the district or during school-sponsored events and activities.

The superintendent will develop a written plan for a drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention and intervention program to include:

1. District philosophy;
2. Prevention education;
3. Intervention/Referral and drug-related medical emergency procedures;
4. Consequences and law enforcement relations;
5. Access and use of federal moneys;
6. Staff development;
7. Public relations program to be adopted and reviewed annually by the Board after consulting with a drug, alcohol and tobacco committee comprised of a parent and teacher from each school, one administrator, one community representative and a health care professional.

### **PREVENTION PROGRAM**

The district's drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention and intervention program will be approved by the Board, after consultation with parents, teachers, administrators, local community agencies and persons from the drug, alcohol or health service community who are knowledgeable of the latest research.

The goal of the district's prevention and intervention program is to prevent unlawful drug, alcohol and tobacco use and shall include the following:

### **Curriculum**

The curriculum will:

1. Be developmentally appropriate for each grade level;
2. Be consistent with the health education common curriculum goals;
3. Reflect community values and attitudes;
4. Be decided after consulting with parents, teachers, administrators, local community agencies and persons from the drug, alcohol and health service community;
5. Be reviewed annually and updated as needed to reflect current research.

### **Instructional Requirements - Students**

Instruction will:

- Be provided to all students each year;
- Be included in the health education curriculum;
- Be integrated in other courses taken for high school students not taking health education.

### **Instructional Requirements - Activities**

Instructional activities shall include basic information:

- On the effects of unlawful drug, alcohol and tobacco use;
- On the laws relating to the use, especially by minors, of unlawful drugs, alcohol and tobacco;
- On the availability of school and community resources.

### **Developing and Reinforcing Skills**

Skills will be developed and reinforced to help students:

1. Understand and manage peer pressure;
2. Understand the consequences of using unlawful drugs, alcohol or tobacco;
3. Make informed and responsible decisions;
4. Adopt positive attitudes towards health and wellness.

Detailed general and emergency intervention and referral procedures including those for drug-related medical emergencies shall be issued to all staff members annually. The intervention and referral process will be published each year in the student/parent handbook.

Student substance abuse, possession or use of tobacco, alcohol or unlawful drugs, including drug paraphernalia or any substance purported to be an unlawful drug, on or near school grounds or while participating in school-sponsored activities is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion and referral to law enforcement officials.

The administration will attempt to notify parents prior to any police action at school. Exceptions to this would occur only when such notification is contrary to established legal procedures or when immediate action is required to ensure student welfare.

The district will develop a public information plan for students, staff and parents.

The district's Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention, Health Education policy, related policies, Regulations and procedures will be reviewed and updated as needed.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S.C. Sections 701-707; 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F.  
Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 812, schedules I through V; 21 CFR 1308.11-1308.15 (2001).  
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S.C. Sections 7101-7117.