

Substance Abuse Program

The board recognizes that the abuse of alcohol, and the use and abuse of controlled, illegal, addictive, or harmful substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids is a societal problem and may represent an impairment to the normal development, well-being and academic performance of students. To ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all students, the board is committed to the development of a program which emphasizes drug and alcohol abuse prevention, intervention, aftercare support and necessary corrective actions. The program will address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use, and provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol. The program will be age-appropriate and developmentally based for all grades.

The board recognizes the effects on the school, home and community resulting from the abuse of alcohol and the use and abuse of controlled illegal, addictive, or harmful substances including anabolic steroids. While the primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), school staff will work with the home and community to develop and implement a comprehensive prevention and intervention program. The board will seek the support, cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies through the formation of an advisory committee, including representatives from the instructional staff, students, parents, state and local law enforcement staff and the county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment or a representative of a treatment provider.

The superintendent/designee is directed to develop and implement procedures to assess the scope of the problem of the use of addictive substances such as alcohol, drugs and nicotine, and to reduce and/or eliminate the problems associated with the use of alcohol, drugs and nicotine.

Parents and interested community members are encouraged to visit the school and/or classroom to observe classroom prevention activities and review prevention instructional materials. At the conclusion of each year, the district will evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Cross References: 3241 Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
4001 Public Information Program
5203 Staff Assistance Program

Legal References: RCW 28A.170.075 Findings - Intent
RCW 28A.210.310 Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property
HB 1230 (2023) School-Public Health Information
RCW 69.50.101 Definitions
RCW 69.51A.060 Crimes – Limitations of chapter Washington Initiative Measure No. 502
20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq. Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
Title 21 Section 811, Controlled Substances Act

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