SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

The board recognizes that the abuse of alcohol, and the use and abuse of prescription, controlled illegal, addictive, or harmful substances including nicotine, and anabolic steroids are societal problems and 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 be based on Healthy Youth Survey data and/or other available data and will address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use, and provide information reflective of best practice substance abuse prevention programs. The program will be age-appropriate and developmentally based for all students in all grades.

The board recognizes the effects to the school, home and community resulting from the abuse of alcohol and the use and abuse of prescription, controlled illegal, addictive or harmful substances including nicotine and anabolic steroids. While the primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), school staff shall work with the home and community to develop and implement a comprehensive prevention and intervention program. The district is committed to involving community partnerships in the substance abuse program. The board of directors shall seek the support, cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies through 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 will direct staff, including prevention coordinators, to implement procedures to assess the scope of and the problem of the use of addictive substances such as alcohol, drugs and nicotine.

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

Legal References:	RCW 28A.210.310	Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property.
	28A.170.075	Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention
	20 U.S.C. 3171 et seq.	Drug-free Schools and Community Act

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