DRUG AND ALCOHOL INVOLVEMENT BY STUDENTS

The district shall promote a healthy environment for students by providing education, support and decision making skills in regard to alcohol, drugs and other controlled substances and their abuse. In order to accomplish this goal, a cooperative effort must be made among the schools, parents/guardians, community and its agencies.

It shall be a violation of Board policy and considered to be behavior detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or employees for any student to possess, use, sell, distribute or procure or to be under the influence of a controlled substance.

Student use, possession, distribution or sale of alcohol or controlled substances and the abuse of other drugs is prohibited in all district schools and on district property, in district vehicles, and at district activities or sanctioned events.

For purposes of this policy, controlled substances include but are not limited to narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic or mind-altering drugs or substances, amphetamines, barbiturates, stimulants, depressants, marijuana, anabolic steroids, toxic vapors smelled or inhaled for the purpose of causing a condition of euphoria, excitement, exhilaration, stupefaction, or dulled senses of the nervous system, or any other controlled substances as defined in law, or any prescription or nonprescription drug, medication, vitamin or other chemical substances including inhalants not taken in accordance with the Board policy and regulations on administering medicines to students.

This policy also includes substances that are represented by or to the student to be any such controlled substance or what the student believes to be any such substance.

This policy shall apply to any student who is on district property, in attendance at school, in a district vehicle or taking part in any district sponsored or sanctioned activity or whose conduct at any time or place interferes with the operations of the district or the safety or welfare of students, employees, or school visitors.

Disciplinary sanctions and interventions for violation of this policy shall be in accordance with Board policy concerning student suspension, expulsion and other disciplinary interventions.

Situations in which a student seeks counseling or information from a professional staff member for the purpose of overcoming substance abuse or dependency shall be handled on an individual basis and shall not be considered a violation of this policy. When appropriate, parents/guardians shall be involved and effort made to direct the substance abuser to sources of help.

The Board of Education, in recognition that substance abuse is a community problem, will seek to cooperate actively with any other public organization or agency that shows promise in bringing drug education and intervention to the awareness of students, parents/guardians and the community.

Whenever possible, employees shall provide parents/guardians and students dealing with substance abuse issues with information about education and rehabilitation programs which are available. Information provided to students and/or parents/guardians about community substance abuse treatment programs or other resources shall be accompanied by a disclaimer to

clarify that the district assumes no financial responsibility for the expense of drug or alcohol assessment or treatment provided by other agencies or groups unless otherwise required by law.

The Board or designee shall conduct a periodic review of its drug prevention program to determine its effectiveness, to implement any required changes and to insure that the disciplinary sanctions required are consistently enforced.

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Legal refs.:
20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq. (Safe and Drug-free Schools and Communities Act of 1994)
21 U.S.C. 812 (definition of "controlled substance")
C.R.S. 18-18-407 (2) (crime to sell, distribute or possess controlled substance on or near school grounds or school vehicles)
C.R.S. 22-1-110 instruction related to alcohol and drugs
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I)(G) (policy required as part of safe schools plan)
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1)(d) (suspension or expulsion discretionary for the sale of a drug or controlled substance)
C.R.S. 25-1.5-106 (12)(b) (possession or use of medical marijuana in or on school grounds or in a school bus in prohibited)
C.R.S. 25-14-103.5 (boards of education must adopt policies prohibiting use of retail marijuana on school property)

Cross refs.:
IHAMA, Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
JIH, Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students
JLCD, Administering Medicines to Students