

## SUBSTANCE USE/ABUSE PREVENTION

It is recognized that the use of alcohol and other chemical substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids, is a societal problem and can result in impairment to the normal development, well-being and academic performance of students. To ensure the safety, health and well-being of all students, the District is committed to emphasizing through its programs and supporting activities the prevention, intervention, aftercare support and taking necessary corrective actions.

While the primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his/her parent(s) the District shall seek the cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies and law enforcement staff.

Actions taken by staff in dealing with student use/abuse of controlled substances, dangerous drugs or alcohol will have as its first concern the welfare of the student involved and the other students in the school. Although a helping relationship will be emphasized, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken when school regulations are violated. In cases where laws have been violated in connection with school activities, law enforcement will be contacted. Any disciplinary actions by the school will be separate from those of law enforcement.

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Legal References:	RCW	28A.170.010 through .070 28A.210.310  28A.170.075	Substance Abuse Awareness Program Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property. Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention
		20 U.S.C. 3171 et seq.	Drug-free Schools and Community Act