SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

POLICY:

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.

ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS

To ensure the safety, health and well-being of all students, the Board is committed to development of a program which emphasizes:

1. Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention - Focus on classroom instruction, guidance services and school climate;

2. Intervention - Identify students involved with alcohol abuse or the use and abuse of controlled, illegal, addictive, or harmful substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids and initiate activities toward elimination of such use/abuse. Involve school resources, parents and community inpatient or outpatient services;

3. Aftercare Support - Facilitate the re-entry of students to school or other appropriate educational program following inpatient or outpatient treatment;

4. Necessary Corrective Action - Enforce prohibitions against student possession, transmission or use of alcohol or controlled, illegal, addictive, or harmful substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids. Apply suitable school-related disciplinary measures, supplemental to law-enforcement action.
The program will address the legal, social and health consequences of the use and abuse of alcohol or controlled, illegal, addictive, or harmful substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids, and provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use such substances. 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 use and abuse of alcohol or controlled, illegal, addictive or harmful substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and 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 formation of an advisory committee, including representatives from the District instructional staff, students, parents, state and local law enforcement personnel, and the county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment, or a representative of a treatment provider.

The Superintendent is directed to develop and implement procedures to assess the scope of the problem of the use and abuse of alcohol or controlled, illegal, addictive, or harmful substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids, and to reduce and/or eliminate the problems associated with their use within the District.

Legal References:  
RCW 28A.170.075 Substance Abuse Awareness Program – Intent
RCW 28A.210.310 Prohibition on Use of Tobacco Products on School Property
20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq. Safe and Drug-free Schools and Communities Act

Policy References: 3241 Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment