

**Tumwater School District
Board Policy**

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

The Board recognizes that the use, abuse and/or possession of alcohol, or controlled illegal, addictive, and/or harmful substances, by adolescents and children (unless prescribed by a physician for therapeutic use) is a societal problem and may impair the normal development and well-being of all students. The Tumwater School District supports chemical abstinence for all adolescents and children so they can reach full intellectual, emotional, social and physical potential.

The District will provide a comprehensive health curriculum in grades kindergarten through nine which includes a drug and alcohol prevention program. After grade nine, specific programs or classes will address prevention and intervention. The District will provide access, at parent expense, to a Student Assistance Program, which evaluates the extent of students' usage of alcohol and other drugs. The evaluation services are provided by a certified drug and alcohol treatment agency (pursuant to Chapter 275-19 WAC).

Both parents and students will receive the results of the evaluation, along with any recommendations for necessary lifestyle changes.

For those students who show signs or symptoms of drug, or alcohol usage, district personnel will assist both the student and the parents in finding a solution to the problem. For those students who require either in-patient or out-patient treatment, such treatment will be at parent expense. Follow-up and continuing support is provided by District personnel so that students may continue their education.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: Chapter 440-22 WAC
RCW 28A.600.010
Board Policy 5300

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