

STUDENTS

Alcohol and Other Drugs

The Governing Board believes that the use of alcohol or other drugs adversely affects a student's ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful, and has serious social and legal consequences. The Board desires to keep district schools free of alcohol and other drugs in order to help prevent violence, promote school safety and create a well-disciplined environment conducive to learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a comprehensive prevention and intervention program that is coordinated with other school and community-based services and programs. The district's program shall be scientifically based and designed to prevent or reduce alcohol or other drug use and the possession and distribution of illegal drugs. It shall include primary prevention activities such as decision-making skills and conflict management, instruction, referral to a rehabilitation program, enforcement/discipline, activities that promote the involvement of parents/guardians and coordination with appropriate community agencies and organizations.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The Board and Superintendent shall agree upon performance measures that will be used to monitor and determine the effectiveness of the district's program in reducing drug and alcohol use. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement an evaluation process that includes ongoing assessment and analysis of objective data regarding the incidence of drug and alcohol use among district students, including discipline problems, and the prevalence of risk factors.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with principals, teachers, other school personnel, students, and parents/guardians when developing the district's program.

The Superintendent or designee shall clearly communicate to all students, staff and parents/guardians the district's policies, regulations and school rules related to the use of alcohol and other drugs on school campuses or at school activities. Information about program needs and goals shall be widely distributed in the community.

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)
(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)
(cf. 5131.63 Steroids)

Staff should encourage students to participate as responsible partners in efforts to maintain a safe, constructive school climate.

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

The Board also encourages the establishment of site-level advisory groups to assist in promoting alcohol- and drug-free schools.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

District staff shall take every opportunity to cooperate with county and county office of education staff in planning and implementing collaborative alcohol and drug prevention programs.

(cf. 1020 – Youth Services)

(cf. 1400 – Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

Instruction

The district shall provide science-based preventative instruction which has been proven effective in helping students avoid the use of alcohol and other drugs.

(cf. 6142.1 – Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

(cf. 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 – Courses of Study)

All instruction and related materials shall consistently state that unlawful use of alcohol or other drugs is wrong and harmful. Instruction shall not include the concept of responsible use when such use is illegal. (20 USC 7114, 7162; Health and Safety Code 11999.2)

The district shall offer staff development activities for staff who implement the comprehensive drug and alcohol prevention and intervention program.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Intervention, Referral and Student Assistance Programs

The Board believes that effective interventions should be available to assist students who use alcohol or other drugs. School staff, students and parents/guardians shall be informed about signs and symptoms which may indicate alcohol and other drug use and about appropriate agencies offering intervention programs, counseling, referral and other student assistance programs.

The Board strongly encourages any student who is using alcohol or drugs to discuss the matter with his/her parent/guardian or with any staff member. Students who disclose their use of alcohol or other drugs when seeking help from an intervention or recovery program shall not be disciplined for such use.

Enforcement/Discipline

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate action to eliminate possession, use or sale of alcohol and other drugs and related paraphernalia on school grounds, at school- events, or in any situation in which the school is responsible for the conduct and well-being of students.

School authorities may search students and school properties for the possession of alcohol and other drugs in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

(cf. 5131 – Conduct)
(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension)
(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Students possessing, using or selling alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including suspension or expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations. In addition, such students also may be referred to an appropriate counseling program, transferred to an alternative placement, and/or restricted from extracurricular activities including athletics.

(cf. 5144 – Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 6145 – Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44049 *Known or suspected alcohol or drug abuse by student*
44645 *In-service training anabolic steroids*
48900 *Suspension or expulsion (grounds)*
48900.5 *Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception*
48901 *Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited*
48901.5 *Prohibition of electronic signaling devices*
48902 *Notification of law enforcement authorities; civil or criminal immunity*
48909 *Narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs*
48915 *Expulsion; particular circumstances*
49602 *Confidentiality of pupil information*
51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*
51203 *Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs*
51210 *Areas of study*
51220 *Areas of study, grades 7 to 12*
51260 – 51269 *Drug Education*
60041 *Instructional materials*
60110-60115 *Instructional materials on alcohol and drug education*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

25608 *Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11032 *Narcotics, restricted dangerous drugs and marijuana; construction of terms used in other divisions*
11053-11058 *Standards and schedules*
11353.6 *Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act*
11357 *Unauthorized possession of marijuana; punishment; prior conviction; possession in school or on school grounds*
11361.5 *Destruction of arrest or conviction records*
11372.7 *Drug program fund; uses*
11802 *Joint school-community alcohol abuse primary education and prevention program*
11965-11969 *The School-Community Primary Prevention Program*
11998-11998.3 *Drug and Alcohol Abuse Master Plans*
11999-11999.3 *Alcohol and drug program funding; no unlawful use*
124175-124200 *Adolescent family life program (Department of Health Services)*

PENAL CODE

13860-13864 Suppression of drug abuse in schools

VEHICLE CODE

13202.5 Drug and alcohol related offenses by person under age of 21, but aged 13 or over; suspension, delay, or restriction of driving privileges

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

828 Disclosure of information re minors

828.1 Disclosure of criminal records; protection of vulnerable staff & students

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

5812 National education goals

7101 7184 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/at>

California Healthy Kids: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

U.S. Department of education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools:

<http://ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/index.html>

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