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Instruction

The curriculum of all elementary and secondary schools shall include instruction on the effects upon the human body, as determined by science, of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs as defined in Health and Safety Code 11032, and other dangerous substances. Instruction shall be sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade level. (Education Code 51203, 51260)

Instruction on the nature and effects of alcohol shall include information about excessive alcohol use and the short- and long-term health risks of excessive alcohol use, including information about excessive drinking, the immediate effects of alcohol that increase the risks of harmful health conditions, and how excessive alcohol use can lead to the development of chronic diseases and other serious problems, including alcohol-related deaths and mental health problems. (Education Code 51203)

In grades 1-6, instruction in drug education should be given in health courses required by Education Code 51210. (Education Code 51260)

In grades 7-12, instruction in drug education shall be conducted in health courses and in any other appropriate area of study required by Education Code 51220. (Education Code 51260)

Secondary school instruction shall also include a study of the effects of alcohol and other drugs upon prenatal development. (Education Code 51203)

Additionally, beginning with the 2026-27 school year, courses in health education required for graduation from high school shall include instruction in the dangers associated with fentanyl use in accordance with Education Code 51225.38.

Instruction shall be provided by appropriately trained instructors who have demonstrated competencies, as determined by the principal or designee, in the following areas: (Education Code 51260)

1. The ability to interact with students in a positive way
2. Knowledge of the properties and effects of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs, and shared drug apparatus

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3. Effective teaching skills and competency in helping students to express opinions responsibly and to become aware of their values as they affect drug-use decisions

Intervention

District staff shall intervene whenever students use alcohol or other illegal drugs while on school property or under school jurisdiction. Staff members who have a reasonable suspicion that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall immediately notify the principal or designee.

If the principal or designee, observes or suspects that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the principal or designee may notify the student's parent/guardian. (Education Code 44049)

School staff shall not disclose confidential information provided during counseling by a student 12 years of age or older. A school counselor may report such information to the principal or parent/guardian only when the counselor believes that disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety or welfare of the student or other persons living in the school community. The school counselor shall not disclose such information to the parent/guardian if the counselor believes that the disclosure would result in a clear and present danger to the student's health, safety or welfare. (Education Code 44049, 49602)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

Bus. Code 25608

Ed. Code 32282

Ed. Code 44049

Ed. Code 44645

Ed. Code 48900

Ed. Code 48900.5

Ed. Code 48901

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Ed. Code 48902

Description

[Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction](#)

[School safety plans](#)

[Known or suspected alcohol or drug abuse by student](#)

[In-service training anabolic steroids](#)

[Grounds for suspension or expulsion](#)

[Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception](#)

[Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited](#)

[Prohibition of electronic signaling devices](#)

[Notification of law enforcement authorities; civil or criminal immunity](#)

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<i>Ed. Code 48909</i>	<u>Narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs</u>
<i>Ed. Code 48915</i>	<u>Expulsion; particular circumstances</u>
<i>Ed. Code 48980</i>	<u>Parent/ Guardian notifications</u>
<i>Ed. Code 48985.5</i>	<i>Fentanyl and synthetic drugs danger notification</i>
<i>Ed. Code 49414.35</i>	<i>Opioid antagonist use by students</i>
<i>Ed. Code 49414.4</i>	<i>Alternatives to law enforcement referrals for opioid misuse</i>
<i>Ed. Code 49414.6</i>	<i>Opioid antagonist possession</i>
<i>Ed. Code 49428.16</i>	<i>County Working Group on Fentanyl Education in Schools</i>
<i>Ed. Code 49602</i>	<u>Counseling and confidentiality of student information</u>
<i>Ed. Code 51202</i>	<u>Instruction in personal and public health and safety</u>
<i>Ed. Code 51203</i>	<u>Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs</u>
<i>Ed. Code 51210</i>	<u>Course of study for grades 1-6</u>
<i>Ed. Code 51220</i>	<u>Areas of study; grades 7 to 12</u>
<i>Ed. Code 51225.38</i>	<i>Health education; fentanyl instruction</i>
<i>Ed. Code 51260-51269</i>	<u>Drug education</u>
<i>Ed. Code 60041</i>	<u>Instructional materials</u>
<i>Ed. Code 60110-60115</i>	<u>Instructional materials on alcohol and drug education</u>
<i>H&S Code 11032</i>	<u>Narcotics, restricted dangerous drugs and marijuana</u>
<i>H&S Code 11053-11059</i>	<u>Controlled substances; standards and schedules</u>
<i>H&S Code 11353.6</i>	<u>Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act</u>
<i>H&S Code 11357</i>	<u>Unauthorized possession of marijuana; possession in school or on school grounds</u>
<i>H&S Code 11361.5</i>	<u>Destruction of arrest or conviction records</u>
<i>H&S Code 11372.7</i>	<u>Drug program fund; uses</u>
<i>H&S Code 11802</i>	<u>Joint school-community alcohol abuse primary education and prevention program</u>
<i>H&S Code 11999-11999.3</i>	<u>Alcohol and drug program funding; no unlawful use</u>
<i>H&S Code 124175-124200</i>	<u>Adolescent family life program</u>
<i>Pen. Code 13860-13864</i>	<u>Suppression of drug abuse in schools</u>
<i>Veh. Code 13202.5</i>	<u>Drug and alcohol related offenses by persons under age of 21, but aged 13 or over</u>
<i>W&I Code 828</i>	<u>Disclosure of information regarding minors</u>
<i>W&I Code 828.1</i>	<u>Disclosure of criminal records; protection of vulnerable staff and students</u>
Federal	Description
<i>20 USC 5812</i>	<u>National education goals</u>
<i>20 USC 7101-7122</i>	<i>Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants</i>
Management Resources	Description
<i>Website</i>	<u>U.S. Department of Education, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program</u>
<i>Website</i>	<u>CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</u>

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Website	<u>California Department of Education, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention</u>
Website	<u>California Healthy Kids Resource Center</u>

Cross References

Code	Description
0450	<u>Comprehensive Safety Plan</u>
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1325	<u>Advertising And Promotion</u>
1400	<u>Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools</u>
3290	<u>Gifts, Grants And Bequests</u>
3513.4	<u>Drug And Alcohol Free Schools</u>
3515.3	<u>District Police/ Security Department</u>
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3515.31	<u>School Resource Officers</u>
4131	<u>Staff Development</u>
5020	<u>Parent Rights And Responsibilities</u>
5020	<u>Parent Rights And Responsibilities</u>
5022	<u>Student And Family Privacy Rights</u>
5022	<u>Student And Family Privacy Rights</u>
5030	<u>Student Wellness</u>
5131	<u>Conduct</u>
5131.61	<u>Drug Testing</u>
5131.62	<u>Tobacco</u>
5131.62	<u>Tobacco</u>
5131.63	<u>Steroids</u>
5131.63	<u>Steroids</u>
5137	<u>Positive School Climate</u>
5141	<u>Health Care And Emergencies</u>
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5141.52	<u>Suicide Prevention</u>
5141.52	<u>Suicide Prevention</u>
5141.6	<u>School Health Services</u>
5141.6	<u>School Health Services</u>
5144	<u>Discipline</u>
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5144.1	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/ Due Process</u>
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5145.11	<u>Questioning And Apprehension By Law Enforcement</u>
5145.12	<u>Search And Seizure</u>
5145.12	<u>Search And Seizure</u>
5146	<u>Married/ Pregnant/ Parenting Students</u>
5147	<u>Dropout Prevention</u>
5148.2	<u>Before/ After School Programs</u>

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5148.2	<u>Before/After School Programs</u>
6142.8	<u>Comprehensive Health Education</u>
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6143	<u>Courses Of Study</u>
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6164.2	<u>Guidance/Counseling Services</u>
6173.1	<u>Education For Foster Youth</u>
6173.1	<u>Education For Foster Youth</u>
6184	<u>Continuation Education</u>
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Regulation

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