

## 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 all district property, school activities, school-sponsored events, and students when under the supervision and control of District employees, 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, implement and evaluate 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 district property, on school campuses, at school activities, at school-sponsored events, and when students are under the supervision and control of District employees. The goal is to help prevent violence, promote school safety and create a well-disciplined environment conducive to learning.

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)

## **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (Continued)**

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

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

\*\*\*Note. Health and Safety Code 11998.1 recommends that each school site have a citizen advisory committee on alcohol and other drug use. The following sentence is optional.\*\*\*

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

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

\*\*\*Note: Education Code 51268 encourages collaborative programs between districts and county offices of education. \*\*\*

\*\*\*Note: The following paragraph should be revised to reflect district practice.\*\*\*

The district's drug education program shall augment county drug education services, if any. 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 of drugs or alcohol 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)

## **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (Continued)**

### Intervention, Referral and Student Assistance Programs

School staff, students and parents/guardians shall be informed about early warning signs 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 or at school-sponsored activities.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement)

(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 regulation. In addition, such students may be referred to an appropriate counseling program, transferred to an alternative placement, and/or be 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

**ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (Continued)**

- 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
- 11053-11058 Standards and schedules
- 11353.6 Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act
- 11357 Unauthorized possession of marijuana; 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
- 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;
- 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://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/index.html>

Policy

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