

## **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS**

### **Instruction**

Students shall receive instruction by appropriately trained instructors about the nature and effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, including dangerous drugs defined by Health and Safety Code 11032. (Education Code 51260)

Site administrators shall determine that drug education instructors are appropriately trained, having demonstrated that they possess:

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

At all grade levels, instruction shall include a study of the effects of alcohol and other drugs upon the human system, as determined by science. Instruction shall be sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade level. (Education Code [51203](#), [51260](#))

In grades 7 through 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 include a study of the effects of alcohol and other drugs upon prenatal development. (Education Code [51203](#))

### **Enforcement/Discipline**

The administration shall enforce the following procedures relative to student alcohol or drug use on school property or whenever the student is under the jurisdiction of the schools.

1. No internal medication is to be administered by school personnel except as prescribed by a doctor (E.C. 49423)
2. Dangerous and narcotic drugs for which a student has a prescription and carries onto school property for ingestion as prescribed by a doctor must be in their original containers and will be kept in the health or principal's office, whichever will provide greater security.

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3. Whenever any staff member has reason to believe that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the staff member shall immediately notify the site administration. The administrator, if in agreement, shall notify parents, identify an intervention, and refer to appropriate counseling. Depending on the circumstances, the student may be taken to a physician or hospital, to his or her home, or to the jurisdiction of the police. The proper law enforcement agency shall be notified
4. In severe cases, if the parents or student's doctor cannot or will not come to the school, the principal or designee is authorized to request an ambulance to remove the student to a hospital. Parents will be notified of this action and be responsible for the incurred expenses.
5. Upon reasonable evidence of drug or alcohol use, the student may be suspended from school until such time as the school principal authorizes the student's return to school under stated conditions as recommended by the doctor.
6. A search for drugs may be made in accordance with provisions of law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

### **Implementation**

1. ALCOHOL/DRUG USE RELATING TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Students using or being under the influence of prohibited chemicals shall be subject to the following consequences:

- a. FIRST VIOLATION: USE OR IN POSSESSION

Administrator/parent conference  
Mandatory referral and attendance in the 7-Challenges Program  
Law enforcement notified  
Two weeks (2) ineligibility from all activities

The student is required to meet with parent and administrator, if practical, to meet with the Drug Intervention Specialist and an administrator. The Specialist may conduct a drug use assessment to be used in the school-based intervention program.

The student will be required to sign an agreement to be drug-free during the duration of the program. If the student refuses to cooperate with the intervention process, further disciplinary actions may be taken.

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b. **SECOND VIOLATION: USE OR IN POSSESSION**

Administrator/parent conference

Possible out-of-school suspension

Mandatory referral and attendance in the 7-Challenges Program

Program to be determined at the administrative conference

Law enforcement notified

Six (6) weeks eligibility from all activities

The student may be suspended and will be required to return with parents on the day following the incident to meet with the Drug Intervention Specialist and/or an administrator. The Administrator will assign the student to the appropriate Intervention Program, refer the family to an appropriate community counseling agency or other action as needed.

c. **THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS:**

Administrator/parent conference

Out-of-school suspension

Proof of completion of drug dependency program through non-school agency  
(specific program to be determined at the administrative conference)

Law enforcement notified

Indefinite, but not less than nine (9) weeks ineligibility from all activities until completion of drug dependency program

The student will be suspended. Parents must present proof of completion of a drug dependency program through a non-school agency. Refusal to enroll in such a program will result in a possible recommendation for expulsion.

Violations will be cumulative: (1) while the student is attending any school in the District; or, (2) during any three year period in which the student attends two or more schools in the District.

## **2. POSSESSION OR USE OF SMOKING/SMOKELESS TOBACCO**

The possession or use of smoking/smokeless tobacco products is prohibited and violations will be dealt with as follows:

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a. **FIRST VIOLATION**

Parents notified  
Assignment to 4 hours of Saturday School  
Mandatory referral and attendance in the 7-Challenges Program  
Two (2) weeks ineligibility from all activities (“practice” may continue)

b. **SECOND VIOLATION:**

Parents notified  
Administrator/parent conference  
Possible out-of-school suspension or 8 hours of Saturday School  
Mandatory referral and attendance in the 7-Challenges Program  
Four (4) weeks ineligibility from all activities (“practice” may continue)

c. **THIRD VIOLATION:**

Parents notified  
Administrator/parent conference  
Out-of-school suspension  
Mandatory referral and attendance in the 7-Challenges Program  
Six (6) weeks ineligibility from all activities (“practice” may continue)

d. **SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS:**

Parents notified  
Administrator/parent conference  
Out-of-school suspension  
Possible referral for expulsion  
Indefinite ineligibility (minimum nine weeks)

3. **ALCOHOL/DRUG SELLING OR PROVIDING**

The procedures below will be followed when there is evidence that a student has actually sold or provided narcotics or other drugs on or about school premises or at a school sponsored function, or that he/she possessed drugs with the intent to sell or distribute. Law enforcement must be notified. Regardless of any legal action taken by the law enforcement agency, the principal will recommend expulsion:

- a. Administrator/parent conference  
Five days, out of school suspension pending referral for expulsion  
Indefinite ineligibility (minimum nine weeks)
- b. Expulsion hearing conducted by the Board of Trustees in accordance with AR 5144.1.

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- c. A search for drugs may be made in accordance with the provisions of law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

### **4. ALCOHOL/DRUG USE RELATING TO CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Competitive and performing activities include, but are not limited to, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleaders, instrumental or vocal music, drama and dancer performances, academic decathlon, mathletics, speech or debate, FFA, NJROTC and other activities in which students are representing the school in a competitive nature.

- a. Prior to participating in competitive and performing activities, students will attend a mandatory meeting with their parent(s) or guardian, sign a written contract agreeing not to use, possess or be under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind at all times including evenings, weekends, and holidays, both on and off school campuses, during the entire term of the activities.

Any violation of this policy will be subject to the following consequences, in concert with the above outlined consequences:

(1) **FIRST VIOLATION:**

- Administrator/parent conference
- Four-weeks ineligibility from all activities
- Mandatory referral and attendance in the 7-Challenges Program
- Law enforcement notified

(2) **SECOND VIOLATION:**

- Administrator/parent conference
- Possible out-of-school suspension if offense is related to school activities or school attendance
- Six weeks ineligibility from all activities
- Counseling program to be determined at administrative conference
- Law enforcement notified

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(3) THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS:

Administrator/parent conference

Out-of-school suspension if offense is related to school activities or school attendance

Indefinite ineligibility (minimum nine weeks)

Proof of completion of drug dependency program through non-school agency

Law enforcement notified

- b. Students who voluntarily self-refer to the intervention program and those referred by parents, friends, or community agencies will not be restricted from participation in their activity on the condition that they complete the intervention program prescribed in consultation with the Drug Intervention Specialist.
- c. School staff should promote student self-referral when there is concern regarding behaviors that may indicate drug/alcohol abuse. Verified violations of this regulation will be referred as prescribed above.
- d. Rumors shall be confronted and discussed with students by coaches and/or advisors and administration. However, they cannot be a basis for restricting student participation unless substantiated.

If a student, upon confrontation of a rumor, voluntarily admits to use during the activity/sport season, he/she will not be restricted from participation. The student will be referred to 7-Challenge Program. Failure to complete the sessions will result in the student being restricted from participation the remainder of the activity. (minimum of nine weeks) Any further admission of use via rumor confrontation will result in the student being subject to the basic policy.

- e. This will be a common set of rules for the District at all levels. Coaches, advisors and individual schools may not develop policies which are either stricter or more lenient than those presented.

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