

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 and desires that every effort be made to reduce student use of these substances. The Board perceives this effort as an important step towards preventing violence, promoting school safety and creating a disciplined environment conducive to learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a comprehensive prevention and intervention program that includes instruction, referral to a rehabilitation program, enforcement/discipline, activities that promote the involvement of parents/guardians and coordination with appropriate community agencies and organizations and activities to foster safe, healthy, and drug-free environments that support academic achievement.

The district's alcohol and drug prevention and intervention programs shall be coordinated with other school and community-based services and programs and shall promote the involvement of parents/guardians. The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with the county office of education, community-based organizations, health providers, law enforcement agencies, local child welfare agencies, postsecondary institutions, businesses, and other public and private entities in program planning, implementation, and evaluation.

(cf. [0450](#) - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. [1020](#) - Youth Services)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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

(cf. [4020](#) - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. [6020](#) - Parent Involvement)

Prevention and intervention programs and activities may include, but are not limited to: (20 USC 7118)

Evidence-based drug and violence prevention activities and programs that educate students against the use of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, smokeless tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

Professional development and training for school staff, specialized instructional support personnel, and interested community members on drug prevention, education, early identification, intervention mentoring, recovery support services, and, where appropriate, rehabilitation referral

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

School-based mental health services, including early identification of drug use and referrals to counseling services, and/or partnerships with public or private health care entities that have qualified mental and behavioral health professionals

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

Programs and activities that provide mentoring and school counseling to all students, including students who are at risk of drug use and abuse

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. [1100](#) - Communication with the Public)

(cf. [5131.61](#) - Drug Testing)

(cf. [5131.62](#) - Tobacco)

(cf. [5144.1](#) - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

The Board expects staff to conduct themselves in accordance with the District's philosophy related to alcohol and other drugs. Staff should help students see themselves as responsible partners in efforts to maintain a safe, constructive school climate.

(cf. [5137](#) - Positive School Climate)

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

(cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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. Comprehensive, age-appropriate 7-12 instruction shall address the legal, social, personal and health consequences of drug and alcohol use, promote a sense of individual responsibility, and inform students about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use alcohol and other drugs.

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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. (Health and Safety Code 11999.2)

Teachers shall be trained to answer students' questions related to alcohol and drugs and to help students obtain and use current and accurate information, develop and maintain a positive self-concept, take positive actions to cope with stress, and use appropriate social and personal skills to resist involvement with alcohol and other drugs.

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

(cf. [4131](#) - Staff Development)

(cf. [6142.1](#) - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

(cf. [6142.2](#) - AIDS Prevention Instruction)

(cf. [6142.8](#) - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. [6143](#) - Courses of Study)

Intervention, Referral and Recovering Student Support

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 that may indicate alcohol and other drug use and about appropriate agencies offering intervention programs, counseling and rehabilitation for students and their family members. The District shall help recovering students to avoid re-involvement with alcohol and other drugs by providing school and/or community service activities designed to increase students' sense of community.

(cf. [6142.4](#) - Learning Through Community Service)

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

Students shall not possess, use, or sell alcohol or other drugs and related paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities.

(cf. [3513.3](#) - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. [3513.4](#) - Drug and Alcohol Free Schools)

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(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)
(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)
(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement)
(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

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.

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. Schools may use breathalyzers at school events as a preventative measure. School authorities may search students' and school properties for the possession of alcohol and other drugs including the use of detection canines. These measures may be used at school events by parent groups.

The possession or use of electronic signaling devices (pagers, cellular/digital phones, etc.) is prohibited on school premises, or at any time while students are under the supervision or jurisdiction of school personnel. Exception shall be made only when the principal or designee has determined that the signaling device is essential for the students' health. Such devices shall be confiscated from students.

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

Students possessing, using or selling alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia at school or at a school event shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including suspension or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations. Such students also may be referred to an appropriate rehabilitation program.

Any student found by the Board to be selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058 shall be expelled in accordance with BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. A student found to have committed another drug or alcohol offense, including possession or intoxication, shall be referred to appropriate behavioral interventions or student assistance programs, and may be subject to discipline on a case-by-case basis.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

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(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

Program Evaluation

The Board and Superintendent shall agree upon performance measures that will be used to monitor and determine the effectiveness of district programs in reducing drug and alcohol use. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the effectiveness of district activities in achieving identified objectives and outcomes. (20 USC 7116)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Legal Reference:

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

[25608](#) Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction

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

[49423](#) Administration of prescribed medication

49602 Confidentiality of pupil information

[49480](#) Notice to school by parent or guardian; consultation with physician

[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

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

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Students

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[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

[13864](#) Comprehensive alcohol and drug prevention education

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

7101-7122 Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

PUBLIC LAW 107-110

[4001-4304](#) 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>

Office of Safe and Healthy Students: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/oshs>

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