

Board Policy

Students

BP 5131.6

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Note: The following policy and accompanying administrative regulation reflect the purpose and goals of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 USC 7101-7184, as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act. In addition, Health and Safety Code 11998.1 states the legislative intent that every school district have updated drug and alcohol abuse policies and procedures, including disciplinary procedures, to be given to all students, employees and parents/guardians.

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, 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)

Note: Districts applying for funds under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act are required to develop a program to meet the "principles of effectiveness" as set forth in 20 USC 7105. The following paragraph is based on these principles and should be modified to reflect district practice.

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)

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)

Note: Pursuant to 20 USC 7114 and 7162, drug prevention programs supported by the federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act must convey a clear and consistent message that the illegal use of alcohol and other drugs is wrong and harmful. In addition, Health and Safety Code 11999.2 and 11999.3 specify that a state agency may not allocate funds for a drug- or alcohol-related program without written assurance that all aspects of the program reinforce the "no unlawful use" message. No aspect of the program may include a message on "responsible use" of drugs or alcohol if such use is unlawful.

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)

Intervention, Referral and Student Assistance Programs

Note: Pursuant to 20 USC 7115, programs which may be funded under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act include programs of counseling, mentoring, referral services and other student assistance programs. The following section may be revised to reflect district practice.

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)

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Note: Education Code 48915 requires immediate suspension and mandates expulsion for any student who sells or provides alcohol or other drugs at school or while under school jurisdiction. In addition, Education Code 48902 requires districts to notify law enforcement of any acts which may involve the possession or sale of narcotics or a controlled substance. See AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process for language reflecting these requirements.

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
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 (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;

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>

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