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 in order to help prevent violence, promote school safety, and create a well-disciplined environment conducive to learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall 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.

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(cf. 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 4020 – Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Notice to Employees)
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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 programs.

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.

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(cf. 1100 – Communication with the Public)
(cf. 5131.62 – Tobacco)
(cf. 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
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Staff should encourage students to participate as responsible partners in efforts to maintain a safe, constructive school climate.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (continued)

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

(cf. 1220 – Citizen Advisory Committees)

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. 1400 – Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

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. 6142.2 – AIDS Prevention Instruction)

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)

Student Assistance Programs

School staff, students, and parents/guardians shall be informed about signs and symptoms 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.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (continued)

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.

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(cf. 5131 – Conduct)
(cf. 5145.11 – Questioning and Apprehension)
(cf. 5145.12 – Search and Seizure)
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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.

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(cf. 5144 – Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44049 Known or suspected alcohol or drug abuse by student

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

51260-51269 Drug education

51264 CDE assistance for inservice training

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

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (continued)

11361.5 Destruction of arrest or conviction records

11372.7 Drug program fund; uses

11802 Joint school-community alcohol abuse primary education program 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 and 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.california healthykids.org

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools:

http://ed.gov/about/officers/list/osdfs/index/html

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