

Students

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Instruction

The curriculum of all elementary and secondary schools shall include instruction on the effects upon the human body, as determined by science, of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs defined by Health and Safety Code 11032, and other dangerous substances. Instruction shall be sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade level. (Education Code 51203, 51260)

(cf. 5131.62 – Tobacco)

In Grades 1-6, instruction in drug education should be given in health courses required by Education Code 51210. (Education Code 51260)

In Grades 7-12, 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 also include a study of the effects of alcohol and other drugs upon prenatal development. (Education Code 51203)

Instruction shall be provided by appropriately trained instructors who have demonstrated competencies, as determined by the principal or designee, in the following areas: (Education Code 51260)

1. The ability to interact with students in a positive way.
2. Knowledge of the properties and effects of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous 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.

Intervention

District staff shall intervene whenever students use alcohol or other illegal drugs while on school property or under school jurisdiction. Staff members who believe that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall notify the principal or designee.

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If the principal or designee, in his/her professional capacity or in the course of his/her employment, knows, observes, or suspects that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he/she may notify the parent/guardian. (Education Code 44049)

School staff shall not disclose confidential information provided during counseling by a student 12 years of age or older. A school counselor may report such information to the principal or parents/guardian only when he/she believe that disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the student or other persons living in the school community. The school counselor shall not disclose such information to the parent/guardian if he/she believes that the disclosure would result in a clear and present danger to the student's health, safety or welfare. (Education Code 44049, 49602)

In severe cases, if the parents/guardians or school medical personnel are not immediately available, the principal is authorized to call an ambulance to remove the student to a hospital. Parents/guardians will be notified of this action and shall be responsible for the incurred expenses.

Because electronic signaling devices (beepers) are sometimes used to facilitate illegal drug transactions, the possession or use of such devices by students is prohibited on school premises, at all school-sponsored activities, and at any time while students are under the supervision and control of District employees. An exception shall be made only when the principal or designee has determined that the beeper is essential for the student's health and then shall be used only for health purposes. (Education Code 48901.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall confiscate beepers from students.

Enforcement/Discipline

When any student uses or possesses alcohol or illegal drugs at school or at school-sponsored events, they shall be subject to discipline consistent with school sites policies and procedures to include but not be limited to parent/guardian contact, progressive discipline, and student conference. School-based strategies of outreach, intervention, and counseling will be offered.

When any student attempts to sell a controlled substance at school or at a school-sponsored event, it is required that they be immediately suspended followed by a

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mandatory recommendation for expulsion, followed by mandatory expulsion.
(Education Code 48915(c))

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Staff shall notify the principal or designee immediately upon suspecting a student is selling or providing alcohol or other drugs. The principal or designee may notify law enforcement prior to confronting or searching the student.

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

When there is evidence that a student has sold or provided alcohol or other drugs or drug paraphernalia on or about the school premises or at school-sponsored functions, law enforcement must be notified. Law enforcement authorities will decide whether they or the school will notify the parent/guardian.

Biennial Program Review

The Superintendent or designee shall review the District's alcohol and drug education program every two years in order to determine its effectiveness, implement any needed changes, and ensure that related disciplinary procedures are being consistently enforced. (20 U.S.C. 3224a)

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