

STUDENT POLICIES

STUDENT CONDUCT

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

POLICY STATEMENT

The use and unlawful possession of illicit drugs and alcohol by students of the District is wrong, harmful, and inconsistent with the District's primary mission of educating students. The Board of Education is committed to the prevention of alcohol and illicit drug use/abuse. Throughout this policy, the phrase "alcohol, illicit drugs, and other substances" shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following substances: alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, benzodiazepine, sedatives, heroin, steroids, look-alikes, and those substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs".

In implementing this Policy, the District will be guided by the following principles:

- Substance abuse is preventable and treatable.
- Substance abuse inhibits the District from successfully pursuing its primary mission of educating students.
- The goal of preventing and remedying substance abuse will be accomplished only through coordinated and collaborative efforts with parents, students, staff, support agencies, and the community as a whole.

To further this Policy, student compliance with the Standards of Conduct described in Section III is mandatory.

CURRICULUM

The District shall implement an age-appropriate, developmentally based substance abuse education and prevention program for grades K-12. This shall be part of the health education curriculum. It shall address the health, social, and legal consequences of drug and alcohol use, and shall provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

A. General

No student shall use, possess, sell, distribute, or be under the influence of alcohol, illicit drugs, or other substances while on school grounds or at school-sponsored events. The use or possession of drug paraphernalia, and the unauthorized or inappropriate use, sale, or distribution of prescription and over-the-counter drugs on school grounds or at school-sponsored events by student is also prohibited.

B. Medication

The District has a separate policy regarding administration of medications to students. Medications held and administered according to Policy # 5420 are not considered a violation of this policy on substance abuse.

CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE

A. Student Discipline

Students found to have violated the Standards of Conduct will be disciplined. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from school, or from certain school activities. Among the circumstances considered will be the nature and quantity of the substance involved, the student's role in the incident, and the student's record of prior conduct. The procedures in the District's policies regarding Student Discipline will be followed.

B. Referral to Law Enforcement Agencies

The District will report to appropriate law enforcement agencies incidents that appear to involve a violation of local, state, or federal law.

COUNSELING PROGRAMS

A. Roster

The principal of each school will maintain a list of substance abuse counseling and rehabilitation/re-entry programs that are obtainable by students and/or parents.

B. Referral

District personnel shall provide information to students, who violate the Standards of Conduct, and their parents, concerning appropriate community counseling and treatment centers.

COMMUNICATION TO STUDENTS

At the beginning of each academic year, all students and their parents shall be provided with a copy of this Policy.

REVIEW

At least every two years, this Policy and its implementation will be reviewed to determine its effectiveness and to insure that sanctions are consistently enforced.

Cross Reference: 5280/5280-E/Student Policies/CoCurricular and ExtraCurricular Programs/Interscholastic Athletics / Athletic Code of Conduct
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