

Students

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Instruction

Students shall receive instruction by appropriately trained instructors about the nature and effects of alcohol and other drugs, including dangerous drugs defined by Health and Safety Code 11032. (Education Code 51260).

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 express opinions responsibly and to become aware of their values as they affect drug-use decisions.

At all grade levels, instruction shall include a study of the effects of alcohol and other drugs upon the human system, as determined by science, of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs as defined in 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)

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

In grades 7 through 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 include a study of the effects of alcohol and other drugs upon prenatal development. (Education Code 51203)

Intervention

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

However, school staff shall not disclose confidential information provided during counseling by a student 12 years of age or older. School counselors may report such information to the principal or parent/guardian only when they 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. They shall not disclose such information to the parent/guardian if they believe that the disclosure would result in a clear and present danger to the student's health, safety or welfare. (Education Code 44049, 49602)

In cases of medical emergency, the principal is authorized to call an ambulance to remove the student to a hospital. Parent/guardian will be notified of this action and shall be responsible for the incurred expenses.

Enforcement/Discipline

Possession/Use/Furnishing of Alcohol and Other Drugs/Sale of Look Alike Substances

First Offense

Staff shall notify the principal or designee immediately upon suspecting a student is in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol or other drugs.

When any student uses, possess, or furnishes alcohol, illegal drugs or sells look alike substances at school or while under school jurisdiction, the following shall result:

1. Parent/Guardian contact.
2. Two to five day suspension assigned.
3. Student and parent/guardian will be referred to the designated alcohol or drug diversion program. Parent/guardian must contact the diversion program within seven days. The program referral will involve an assessment session and attendance in an alcohol or drug related education group.
4. Student will be considered for expulsion unless inappropriate in accordance with Education Code 48900 and 48915.

In addition, the following actions may be taken:

1. Transfer/alternative placement.
2. Restriction from all extracurricular activities, including athletics, for a period not exceed 45 school days.

Second and Subsequent Offenses

1. Suspended for two to five days.

2. Consideration for expulsion unless inappropriate in accordance with Education Code 48900 and 48915.
3. Contact with law enforcement authority within one school day of the suspension (Education Code 48902)

In addition, the following actions may be taken:

1. Transfer/alternative placement.
2. Restriction from all extracurricular activities, including athletics, for a period not exceed 45 school days.

Selling or Providing a Controlled Substance

Staff shall notify the principal or designee immediately upon suspecting a student has offered, arranged, negotiated to sell or sold a controlled substance at a school site or at a school activity.

When any student has offered, arranged, negotiated to sell or sold a controlled substance at a school site or at a school activity, the following shall result:

1. Parent/guardian contact.
2. Notify law enforcement.
3. Five day suspension.
4. Recommendation for expulsion in accordance with Education Code 48900 and 48915.

Tobacco

Possession of tobacco by minors is illegal. Use or possession of tobacco (smoking or chewing) is not permitted at any district school. For those students found possessing or using tobacco on school grounds the following actions will be taken.

A tobacco offense will result in a warning, detention, Saturday School, cessation readiness program, suspension, expulsion or other intervention deemed appropriate by the school administration. Parents will be notified of the action and informed that subsequent violations may lead to more serious disciplinary action.

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