

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the use of alcohol and other drugs adversely affects the students' ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful, and has serious social and legal consequences. Therefore, the Governing Board intends to keep district schools free of alcohol and other drugs.

The Board of Trustees desires that every effort be made to reduce the chances that students will begin or continue the use of alcohol and other drugs. Alcohol, like any other controlled substance, is illegal for use by minors. The Superintendent or designee shall develop a comprehensive prevention program that includes instruction, intervention, recovering student support, and enforcement/discipline. The Superintendent or designee shall clearly communicate to students, staff and parents/guardians all Board policies, regulations, procedures and school rules related to this prevention program. Special efforts shall be made to ensure that these materials are understood by parents/guardians and students of limited literacy or limited English proficiency.

Recognizing that keeping schools free of alcohol and other drugs is a concern common to the district and community, the Board supports cooperation among schools, parents/guardians, law enforcement and other appropriate community organizations involved in preventing alcohol and other drug abuse.

INSTRUCTION

Students shall receive instruction in the nature and effects of alcohol and other drugs upon the human system as determined by science (Education Code 51203, 51260). The instruction shall be conducted in Health Education courses and in any other appropriate areas of study as defined by Education Code 51220. (Education Code 51260)

INTERVENTION

The Board recognizes there may be students on the campus who use alcohol and other drugs and can benefit from intervention. The Board supports intervention programs that include the involvement of staff, students, parents/guardians and community agencies/organizations.

NON PUNITIVE SELF-REFERRAL

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. If the student is uncomfortable doing this, he/she is encouraged to ask a friend to discuss the problem with a parent/guardian or staff member. Students who disclose past use of alcohol or other drugs when seeking help from an intervention or recovery program shall not be punished or disciplined for such past use.

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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, at school events, or in any situation in which the school is responsible for the conduct and well-being of students. Students possessing, selling and/or using alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia shall be subject to disciplinary procedures which may result in suspension and/or expulsion.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that parents often times wish to be in close contact with their children and, therefore, will provide an electronic signaling device such as a pager or cellular telephone. Trustees also recognize that staff members often have in their possession electronic signaling devices. Although the Board of Trustees authorizes the possession of electronic signaling devices, it further recognizes that these signaling devices can disrupt the instructional process that is being provided in the classroom and at school assemblies. Disruptions shall be subject to discipline procedures including parent conferences, suspension and the confiscation of the electronic signaling device by a site administrator.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 44049 Known or suspected alcohol or controlled substance 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
- 49423 Administration of prescribed medication
- 49480 Notice to school by parent or guardian; consultation with physician
- 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 Elementary and secondary school instruction in drug education by appropriately trained instructors
- 51262 Use of anabolic steroids; legislative finding and declaration
- 51264 CDE assistance for in-service training
- 51265 Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention in-service
- 51266 Model curriculum for grades 2, 4 and 6
- 51268 Coordination of resources

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 11032 Narcotics, restricted dangerous drugs and marijuana; construction of terms used in other divisions
- 11353.6 Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act

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- 11357 Unauthorized possession of marijuana; punishment; prior conviction; 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
 - 11965-11969.5 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
- PENAL CODE
- 13864 Comprehensive alcohol and drug prevention education
- VEHICLE CODE
- 13202.5 Drug and alcohol related offenses by person under age of 21, but aged 13 or over; suspension, delay, or restriction of driving privileges
- WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE
- 828 Disclosure of information re minors
 - 828.1 Disclosure of criminal records; protection of vulnerable staff and students
- DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ACT OF 1986
Public Law 99-570
DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1989
H.R. 3614
(1/85, 5/85, 11/86, 9/87, 3/88, 12/88, 3/89, 12/89) 3/91

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INTERVENTION

For students under the influence, or in possession of drugs, alcohol, or drug paraphernalia while on school grounds, while going to or coming from school, during the lunch period whether on or off the campus, during or while going to or coming from a school-sponsored activity, the following actions may be taken:

- A. Cited by police.
- B. Parent conference follow-up.
- C. Parents will be notified that their child can be tested at the Ventura Behavioral Health, at Clinicas, or by purchasing a home test.
- D. Parents may also be notified that the Palmer Drug and Alcohol Program has a free counseling program.
- E. Students may be suspended for 1-5 days. Along with disciplinary procedures, students will be placed in a 7-8 week Drug and Alcohol Insight Group and suspended from all school activities and extracurricular activities for 10 school days, starting with the day of the infraction through the 10th school day. If a contract has been signed for that activity, then whichever is the stricter policy shall take precedence. If a class is involved, the student will attend class but cannot attend any activities of that program.
- F. For the second offense the school site shall take necessary action. Students will be placed back in the Drug and Alcohol Insight Group and suspended from all school activities and extracurricular activities for 30 school days starting with the day of the infraction through the 30th school day. If a contract has been signed for that activity, then whichever is the stricter policy shall take precedence. If a class is involved, the student will attend class but cannot attend any activities of that program. The student also shall sign a contract that will refer him/her to an alternative program on the third offense.
- G. If the student does not attend the Drug and Alcohol Insight Group, the site shall take whatever action they deem necessary. (A contract may refer him/her to an alternative program for a second offense.)

DRUG AND ALCOHOL INSIGHT PROGRAM

- A. The following students can attend the Insight Group:
 - 1. Those assigned for disciplinary reasons concerning drugs and alcohol.
 - 2. Those who voluntarily want to attend.
 - 3. By parental request.
 - 4. By referral from a school counselor, school psychologist, or nurse.

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- B. Students must attend the program for 7-8 weeks.
- C. Students can only miss one time and must make up the session. If a student misses a second time, or is tardy two times, or is removed from the group for behavior problems, the school administration will deal with this as a disciplinary issue. The student may return to the group after action has been taken and with the approval of the group facilitator.
- D. The group shall be ongoing so that students can be placed in it at any time.
- E. The group shall be held once a week at each school site.
- F. The group shall be held during the school day and periods will be rotated as much as possible.

PREVENTION

- A. Refresh all staff in the signs of students under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Explain policies and procedure (can be done with the assistance of the Oxnard Police Department)
- B. New Drug/Alcohol curriculum for all Health classes that is researched-based and meets our LEA Plan. (Too Good For Drugs)
- C. Peer Resource students will be trained in drug and alcohol presentations and doing classroom presentations.
- D. School sites are to form a student committee made up of students that others students look up to or turn to for advice. The committee can give input and ideas on how to stop use in school.
- E. Notify parents and students about the new Drug and Alcohol Policies.

