

POLICY

2009

Students

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, and OTHER SUBSTANCE USE/ABUSE

The Board of Education is committed to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use/abuse. This policy describes the philosophy of the district and the program elements the district will use to promote healthy life styles for its students and staff and to inhibit the use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other substances.

No person may sell, distribute, possess, or use alcohol, illegal or controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, on school property, in a school district vehicle, a vehicle provided by the school district or at school sponsored events, except for medication as prescribed by a physician for the student. The terms "alcohol, tobacco and other substances" shall be construed throughout the policy to refer to the use of substances such as but not limited to alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alikes, any of those substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs," cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and chewing tobacco. The inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall also be prohibited.

Additionally, any person exhibiting behavior, conduct, or personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol and/or other substances, or any person who school personnel have reasonable grounds to suspect has used alcohol and/or other substances shall be prohibited from entering or remaining on school grounds or at school sponsored events.

In order to educate students on the dangers associated with substance abuse, the health education curriculum shall include instruction concerning drug abuse for grades K-12.

Any staff member observing alcohol, tobacco or other substance possession or usage by students shall report the incident immediately to the Building Principal or his/her designee. The Building Principal or his/her designee shall then seek immediate action. Any alcohol, tobacco or other substance found shall be confiscated immediately, followed by notification of the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student(s) involved and the appropriate disciplinary action taken, up to and including permanent suspension and referral for prosecution. In its effort to maintain a drug-free environment, the district shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible with local, state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.

Philosophy

The district will use the following principles as guides for the development of its substance use/abuse prevention efforts and for any disciplinary measures related to alcohol, tobacco and other substances:

- Alcohol, tobacco and other substance use/abuse is preventable and treatable.
- Alcohol, tobacco and other substance use/abuse inhibits the district from carrying out its central mission of educating students.
- The behavior of the Board, the administration, and all school staff should model the behavior asked of students.

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- While the district can and must assume a leadership role in alcohol, tobacco and other substance use/abuse prevention, this goal will be accomplished only through coordinated, collaborative efforts with parents, students, staff, and the community as a whole.

Implementation, Dissemination, and Monitoring

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to collaborate with district staff, parents, students, community members, organizations, and agencies, including the health department and alcohol, tobacco and other substance abuse service providers, in developing the specific programs and strategies necessary to implement this policy.

Upon adoption, copies of this policy will be distributed to and reviewed with district staff, students, and parents annually.

The Superintendent is responsible for providing the Board with an annual review of this policy, the programs and strategies implementing it, a report of incidents that occurred during the previous year and his or her recommendations for revisions to the policy.

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