

INSTRUCTION

Substance Abuse Program

The board recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and the use and abuse of controlled illegal, addictive, or harmful substances, including anabolic steroids, is a societal problem and may represent an impairment to the normal development, well-being and academic performance of students. To ensure the safety, health and well-being of all students, the board is committed to the development of a program which emphasizes drug and alcohol abuse prevention, intervention, aftercare support and necessary corrective actions. The program will address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use and provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs and alcohol. The program will be age-appropriate and developmentally based for all students in all grades.

The board recognizes the effects to the school, home and community resulting from the abuse of alcohol and the use and abuse of controlled illegal, addictive or harmful substances, including anabolic steroids. While the primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his or her parent(s) or guardian(s), school staff shall work with the home and community to develop and implement a comprehensive prevention and intervention program. The board of directors shall seek the support, cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies through formation of an advisory committee, including representatives from the instructional staff, students, parent(s) or guardian(s), state and local law enforcement staff and the county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment or a representative of a treatment provider.

Standards for student conduct will be established to demonstrate that the unlawful use, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol by students on school grounds or at school related activities is prohibited.

The superintendent is directed to develop and implement procedures to assess the scope of the problem of the use of addictive substances such as alcohol, drugs and nicotine, and to reduce and/or eliminate the problems associated with the use of alcohol, drugs and nicotine.

Parent(s) or guardian(s) and interested community members are encouraged to visit the school and/or classroom to observe classroom activities and review instructional materials. At the conclusion of each year, the district will evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

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| Cross References: | Board Policy 4311 | Visitors |
| | Board Policy 2334 | Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Education |
| Legal References: | RCW 28A.210.310 | Prohibition of use of tobacco products |
| | | On school property |
| | RCW 28A.170.075 | Substance Abuse Prevention and |
| | | Intervention |
| | Amendments of 1989 | Drug-Free Schools and Community Act |
| | 20 U.S.C. 3171 et seq. | |

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