

Student Substance Abuse

Definitions

“Prohibited substances” shall mean any of the following:

1. Controlled substances prohibited by federal and state law;
2. Look-alike drugs;
3. Alcoholic beverages;
4. Anabolic steroids;
5. Drug paraphernalia;
6. Any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as but not limited to glue and aerosol products;
7. Substances that when ingested cause a physiological effect that is similar to the effect of a controlled substance as defined by state or federal law, such as but not limited to herbal incense or other products containing synthetic cannabinoids; or
8. Prescription or nonprescription (over-the-counter) medications, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to Board Policy.

“Possession” means the unprescribed or otherwise unauthorized ownership or control of a prohibited substance.

“Distribution” means the unauthorized delivery, sale, transfer, sharing, or turning over, directly or indirectly, of a prohibited substance to/with another student or individual.

“Look-alike drugs” are substances that may be used to feign or mimic the appearance, actual use or effects of substances that alter behavior or judgment.

“Under the influence” means noticeable impairment of ability to ambulate, converse, comprehend or perform motor tasks as a result of consumption of prohibited items.

Prohibited Conduct

Students are prohibited from using, distributing, possessing, or being under the influence of prohibited substances in any of the buildings owned by the District, on District property, in school vehicles and/or while participating in school-sponsored activities on or off District property.

Students who are found to be in violation of this prohibition shall be suspended from school and disciplined in accordance with Board Policy and the applicable student handbook. Aiding or abetting any of the above-mentioned prohibited conduct shall be treated in the same manner.

Response of School District Personnel & Reporting Procedures

It shall be the duty of all personnel, upon the observance of a violation or potential violation of this Policy to immediately report such observed behavior to the appropriate medical or supervisory personnel.

Upon reasonable suspicion that a student has violated or is in violation of this Policy, the administration may search the person, personal effects, lockers and automobiles of such student(s), in accordance with Board Policy as cross-referenced below and applicable law.

Violations of this Policy shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agencies in accordance with applicable law or regulations, Board Policy, and the Memorandum of Understanding in effect with local law enforcement.

The District reserves the right to enforce this Policy and the accompanying Administrative Regulation with respect to off-campus conduct to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report violations of this Policy which take place on school property to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form, in accordance with state law and regulations.

Prevention

Through the regular curriculum, programs/services offered by the District, the Student Assistance Program, community resources, and consistent enforcement of disciplinary procedures, all staff and parents/guardians shall strive to educate students on the dangers of the abuse of prohibited substances and prevent future violations of this Policy.

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