

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

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.

Site administrators shall determine that drug education instructors possess:

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; and
3. Effective teaching skills and competency in helping students to 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.

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.

Instruction shall be sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade level. Instruction shall include a study of the effects of alcohol and other drugs upon prenatal development.

The district drug education program shall augment county drug education services, if any. District staff shall take every opportunity to cooperate with county office of education staff in planning and implementing collaborative alcohol and drug prevention programs.

INTERVENTION

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

If the principal or designee knows, observes or suspects that the student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he/she may notify the parent/guardian.

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 parents/guardians 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.

In severe cases, if the parents/guardians or school medical personnel are not immediately available, the principal is authorized to call an ambulance to remove the student to a hospital. Parents/guardians will be notified of this action and shall be responsible for the incurred expenses.

ENFORCEMENT/DISCIPLINE

1. When any student uses or possesses alcohol or illegal drugs at school or while under school jurisdiction, the following shall result:
 - a. Parent/guardian contact.
 - b. One- to five-day suspension.
 - c. Law enforcement authority contact within one school day of the suspension.
 - d. Restriction from school activities.

In addition, the following actions may be taken:

- a. Recommendation of expulsion.
 - b. Transfer/alternative placement.
2. When a student sells or provides alcohol or other drugs at school or while under school jurisdiction, the following shall result:
 - a. Parent/guardian contact.
 - b. Mandatory recommendation of expulsion.
 - c. Law enforcement contact.

Staff shall notify the principal or designee immediately upon suspecting a student is selling or providing alcohol or other drugs. The principal or designee may notify law enforcement prior to confronting or searching the student.

A search for drugs may be made in accordance with the provisions of law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

When there is evidence that a student has sold or provided alcohol or other drugs or drug paraphernalia on or about the school premises or at school-sponsored functions, law enforcement must be notified.

BIENNIAL PROGRAM REVIEW

The Superintendent or designee shall review the district's alcohol and drug education program every two years in order to determine its effectiveness, implement any needed changes, and ensure that related disciplinary procedures are being consistently enforced.