

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Instruction

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. (Education Code 51260)

Site administrators shall determine that drug education instructors possess: (Education Code 51260)

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
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. Instruction shall be sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade level. (Education Code 51203, 51260)

In grades 1 through 6, instruction in drug education should be given in health courses required by Education Code 51210. (Education Code 51260)

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. (Education Code 51260)

Secondary school instruction shall include a study of the effects of alcohol and other drugs upon prenatal development. (Education Code 51203)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

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. (Education Code 51260, 51268)

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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 a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he/she may notify the parent/guardian. (Education Code 44049)

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 parent/guardian 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. (Education Code 44049, 49602)

(cf. 5145.1 - Privacy)

In cases of medical emergency, 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.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

Confiscation of Electronic Signaling Devices

Because electronic signaling devices (beepers, cellular telephones, etc.) are sometimes used to facilitate illegal drug transactions, the possession or use of such devices by students is prohibited on school premises, at all school-sponsored activities, and at any time while students are under the supervision and control of District employees. An exception shall be made only when the principal or designee has determined that the device is essential for the student's health and then shall be used only for health purposes. (Education Code 48901.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall confiscate these devices from students.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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Enforcement / Discipline

Staff shall notify the principal or designee immediately upon suspecting a student is selling, providing or using alcohol or other drugs.

When any student uses or possesses alcohol or illegal drugs at school or while under school jurisdiction, the following shall result:

- 1. First offense Parent conference, five day suspension, and police action

- 2. Second offense Parent conference, suspension and recommended expulsion, police action

(cf. 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

Readmittance To School And Intervention Programs

In order for a student to be readmitted to school following a suspension for drug use, the student and his/her parents/guardians must sign a statement agreeing to jointly take part in two programs. The first program, which must be initiated within the week of suspension, is a study of the laws that relate to drug use. It is taught by an officer of the Brea Police Department.

The second program, also initiated the week of suspension, requires that the student and parent/guardian attend a free initial interview and assessment provided by an appropriate professional. It will be recommended that the parent/guardian take advantage of low cost free drug screen testing available from a list of clinics or hospitals.

Verification of the consultation shall be submitted to the school before the student is readmitted. Results of the voluntary drug screen test shall be made available only to the student's parent/guardian.

If a student is suspended a second time in his/her school career for alcohol or drug use, expulsion from school may be recommended or a special contract will be approved by the parent/guardian and the student which will give the student and the parent/guardian the opportunity to work with a professional support group to assist in rehabilitation of the student.

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Drug or Alcohol Selling

1. First offense: Five day suspension, parent conference, recommended action for expulsion to Board of Education and police action

Other Considerations

1. No medication shall be administered to students by school personnel except as prescribed by a physician.
2. Prescribed medications for students must be in their original containers and must be kept in a secure place.

(cf. 5141.21 – Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Condition)

3. Whenever a staff member believes a student to be under the influence of drugs, the staff member shall notify immediately the principal or designee who shall, if in agreement, notify the parent to come and remove the student to his home, to his physician, to a medical facility or to the police, depending upon the condition of the student, circumstances and judgment.
4. If the offense or circumstance requires a search of the student or his property (including all lockers, classroom drawers, etc.), the principal or designee shall follow the steps listed in Board Policy 5145.12 and especially these:
 - a. Document the search facility, including the names of all parties, property searched, items discovered and search procedures;

(cf. 5145.12 – Search and Seizures)

5. Whenever there is evidence that a student has used, sold or is in possession of narcotics or drug paraphernalia on or about school premises or at school-sponsored functions, the police must be notified. Regardless of police action, however, the school administrator or designee shall impose the suspension and other penalties listed above for offenses. The administrator shall ensure due process for all students being disciplined and he/she shall notify parents of any incidents as soon as possible, but not more than twenty-four hours after the incident takes place.
6. The provisions of this administrative procedure shall be disseminated to students and parents at the beginning of each school year.

(cf. 5145.6 – Parental Notification)

Students

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Reports

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall submit alcohol and drug prevention program information to the California Department of Education, including information on the prevalence of drug use and violence by youth in the schools and community. Such information shall also be made readily available to the public. (20 USC 7117)

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