

The Board of Education is committed to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use and 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 and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances.

No person may use, possess, sell, offer, manufacture, or distribute alcohol or other substances, nor may any person use or possess drug paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored events, except drugs as prescribed by a physician. The term "alcohol and other substances" shall be construed throughout this policy to refer to the use of all substances including, but not limited to, alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alikes, and any of those substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs". Designer drugs are those substances which have been designed and synthesized to mimic the intended effects and usages of, and which are chemically substantially similar to, substances controlled by federal and/or state law as exemplified above. The inappropriate use of a prescription and over the counter drugs shall also be prohibited.

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

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 narcotics possession or usage by students shall report the incident immediately to the building principal/designee. The principal/ ~~or his~~ designee shall then seek immediate action. Any narcotics found shall be confiscated immediately, followed by notification of the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the student(s) involved and the appropriate disciplinary action taken according to the Code of Conduct adopted by the Board of Education and placed in the policy handbook. The Code of Conduct is coded

5300. 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.

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

- Alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use and abuse is preventable and treatable.
- Alcohol and other substance use and 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.

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