
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

The board recognizes that the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other controlled, illegal, addictive, or harmful substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids and electronic cigarettes, is a societal problem and may represent an impairment to the normal development, wellbeing and academic performance of students. To ensure the safety, health and wellbeing 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 or 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/her parent(s)/guardian(s), school staff will work with the home and community to develop and implement a comprehensive prevention and intervention program. The district will seek the support, cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies.

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.

Parents 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.

Cross References: Board Policy 3241 Classroom Management, Discipline
and Corrective Action
5203 Staff Assistance Program

Legal References: RCW 28A.170.075 Substance Abuse Awareness
Program-Intent
28A.210.310 Prohibition on use of tobacco
products on school property.
20 U.S.C. 7171 et seq. Safe and Drug-free Schools and
Community Act

Management Resources:

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