

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

The board recognizes that the abuse of alcohol, and the use and abuse of controlled illegal, addictive, or harmful substances including anabolic steroids is a societal problem and may represent an impairment to the normal development, well-being and academic performance of students. To ensure the safety, health and well-being 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 shall work with the home and community to develop and implement a comprehensive prevention and intervention program. The board of directors shall seek the support, cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies through formation of an advisory committee, including representatives from the instructional staff, students, parents, state and local law enforcement staff and the county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment or a representative of a treatment provider.

To keep students, families, and community members informed about drug abuse issues, the district will make information from the Department of Health that addresses substance use trends, overdose symptoms, and response, and the secure storage of prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications available in accordance with Policy 4001 (Public Information Program).

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 5203
3241
4000

Staff Assistance Program
Student Discipline
Public Information Program

Legal References: RCW 28A.210.310
RCW 28A.170.075
RCW 69.50.101
RCW 69.51a.060
20 U.S.C. 3171 et seq.

Prohibition on use of tobacco products
on school property.
Substance Abuse Prevention and
Intervention
Definitions (as amended by 2012 c 8)
Crimes - Limitations of chapter
Drug-free Schools and Community
Act

Washington Initiative Measure No.
502
Title 21 Section 811, Controlled
Substances Act
HB 1230 (2023) School-Public Health
Information