

6001.1 Alcohol and Other Controlled Substance Policy

The School District recognizes that student sanctioned use of alcohol and other controlled substances is illegal. This use has an adverse effect on the ability of all students of the school community to achieve personal and School District Goals. The use of alcohol and other controlled substances is a major problem affecting young people. Often, it leads to chemical dependency, an illness requiring intervention and treatment. In order to insure for all students the highest standards for learning, the school district will assist students in abstaining from the use of alcohol and other controlled substances, intervene early when use is detected, refer to appropriate source and provide support for students with chemical problems. Students will also receive support in coping with a parent, guardian, or significant person who has a chemical problem. The Board recognizes these issues as legitimate concerns of the School District and wishes to address these needs as part of a comprehensive education program.

The School District adopts the position that students must be chemically free to learn and develop in the most productive and healthy manner. It is the School District's policy to prevent and prohibit the use of alcohol and other controlled substances, to maintain a caring environment within the system, and to intervene in situations when a student may be harmfully involved.

Therefore, a prevention program shall be instituted which will promote a positive self esteem, develop effective skills in decision making, nurture successful interpersonal relationships, teach accurate information, establish appropriate staff training, and provide supportive services.

A program to prohibit chemical use shall be enforced by setting clear limits of student behavior. Harmfully involved students will be assisted to seek appropriate supportive and rehabilitative services.

The School District's preference is to help students address their harmful involvement with alcohol or other controlled substances while continuing in the regular school setting. When treatment becomes necessary outside the school setting, every effort will be made to effect a successful reentry into school.

It is sometimes necessary to use the full force of disciplinary regulations to achieve appropriate student participation in order to assist them in resolving their problems. Some students may be required by the School District to secure adequate medical treatment, rehabilitative counseling, alternative education or other services. Other students may need to be expelled from the school community by the Board of School Directors.

This policy will be implemented through appropriate administrative regulations and the cooperative efforts of the faculty, administration, school employee groups, students, parents/guardians, and community agencies.

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