

Students

BP 5131.62(a)

TOBACCO

The Board of Trustees recognizes that tobacco use presents serious health risks and desires to provide support and assistance in the prevention and intervention of tobacco use among youth.

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

Students shall not smoke or use tobacco, or any product containing tobacco or nicotine, while on campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of district employees. (Education Code 48901)

Students shall not possess, smoke, or use tobacco or any product containing tobacco or nicotine while on campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of district employees. Prohibited products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel. (Education Code 48900, 48901)

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

Students' possession or use of nicotine delivery devices, such as electronic cigarettes, is also prohibited.

The district's comprehensive prevention/intervention program shall be based on an ongoing assessment of objective data regarding tobacco use in the schools and community and on research identifying strategies that have proven effective in preventing or reducing tobacco use among youth. The program shall be designed to meet a set of measurable goals and objectives and shall be periodically evaluated to assess progress.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

The district shall provide developmentally appropriate tobacco use prevention instruction for students in grades kindergarten through 6.

The district shall provide developmentally appropriate tobacco-use prevention instruction for students at selected grade levels from K-12. Such instruction shall be aligned with state content standards and the state curriculum framework for health education and with any requirements of state and/or federal grant programs in which the district participates.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

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The Superintendent or designee also may provide students with counseling and other support services to assist in the prevention or reduction of tobacco use.

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Information about smoking cessation programs shall be made available and encouraged for students and staff. (Health and Safety Code 104420)

(cf. 4159/4259/4359 - Employee Assistance Programs)

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate prevention and cessation efforts with the local health department, other local agencies and community organizations and shall involve students, parents/guardians, families and the community in support of school-based programs.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

The district may provide or refer students to counseling, intensive education, and other intervention services to assist in the cessation of tobacco use. When appropriate, such intervention services may be provided as an alternative to suspension for tobacco possession.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Program Planning

The district's tobacco-use prevention and intervention program shall be based on an assessment of tobacco-use problems in district schools and the community, an examination of existing services and activities in the community, and a determination of high-risk student populations that are most in need of district services.

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with the local health department and county office of education in program planning and implementation. He/she may establish an advisory council including students, parents/guardians, district staff, representatives of the local health department and community organizations, law enforcement professionals, and/or others with demonstrated expertise in tobacco prevention and cessation.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Councils)

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

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The Superintendent or designee also shall coordinate the district's tobacco-use prevention and intervention program with other district efforts to reduce students' use of illegal substances and to promote student wellness.

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

The Superintendent or designee shall select anti-tobacco programs based on the model program designs identified by the California Department of Education (CDE) and may modify the model to meet district needs. (Health and Safety Code 104420)

The Superintendent or designee shall not accept for distribution any materials or advertisements that promote the use or sale of tobacco products. He/she also shall not accept tobacco-use prevention or intervention funds or materials from the tobacco industry or from any entity which has received funding from the tobacco industry.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

Program Evaluation

To evaluate the effectiveness of the district's program and ensure accountability, the Superintendent or designee shall biennially administer the California Healthy Kids Survey or other appropriate student survey at selected grade levels in order to assess student attitudes toward tobacco and student use of tobacco. He/she also shall annually report to the Board, and to the CDE if required, the data specified in Health and Safety Code 104450.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. 6162.8 - Research)

The results of program evaluations shall be used to refine program goals and objectives and make changes as needed to strengthen program implementation.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48900 Suspension or expulsion (grounds)

48900.5 Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception

48901 Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

104350-104495 Tobacco use prevention education

119405 Unlawful to sell or furnish electronic cigarettes to minors

PENAL CODE

308 Minimum age for tobacco possession

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

6800 Definition, health assessment

6844-6847 Child Health and Disability Prevention program; health assessments

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7111-7117 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Getting Results: Developing Safe and Healthy Kids, 1998-99

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines Related to School Health Programs to Prevent Tobacco Use and Addiction, 1994

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Fit, Healthy, and Ready to Learn: A School Health Policy Guide, 2000

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Health Services: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

U.S. Surgeon General: <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

National Association of State Boards of Education: <http://www.nasbe.org>

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Tobacco Use Prevention Education

Instruction for students in grades 4 through 6 shall address the following topics: (Health and Safety Code 104420)

The district's tobacco-use prevention program shall provide students in grades 6-12 instruction which addresses the following topics: (Health and Safety Code 104420)

1. Immediate and long-term undesirable physiologic, cosmetic and social consequences of tobacco use
2. Reasons that adolescents say they smoke or use tobacco
3. Peer norms and social influences that promote tobacco use
4. Refusal skills for resisting social influences that promote tobacco use

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)