

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

The Governing Board believes that the use of alcohol or other drugs adversely affects a student's ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful, and has serious social and legal consequences. The Superintendent or designee shall develop comprehensive programs and activities to foster safe, healthy, and drug-free environments that support academic achievement.

(cf. [0450](#) - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. [4020](#) - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)
(cf. [5137](#) - Positive School Climate)

The district's alcohol and drug prevention and intervention programs shall be coordinated with other school and community-based services and programs and shall promote the involvement of parents/guardians. The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with the county office of education, community-based organizations, health providers, law enforcement agencies, local child welfare agencies, postsecondary institutions, businesses, and other public and private entities in program planning, implementation, and evaluation.

(cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. [1400](#) - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. [6020](#) - Parent Involvement)

Prevention and intervention programs and activities may include, but are not limited to: (20 USC [7118](#))

1. Evidence-based drug and violence prevention activities and programs that educate students against the use of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, smokeless tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes

(cf. [5131.62](#) - Tobacco)

2. Professional development and training for school staff, specialized instructional support personnel, and interested community members on drug prevention, education, early identification, intervention mentoring, recovery support services, and, where appropriate, rehabilitation referral

(cf. [4131](#) - Staff Development)
(cf. [4231](#) - Staff Development)
(cf. [4331](#) - Staff Development)

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3. School-based mental health services, including early identification of drug use and referrals to counseling services, and/or partnerships with public or private health care entities that have qualified mental and behavioral health professionals

(cf. [5141.6](#) - School Health Services)

4. Programs and activities that provide mentoring and school counseling to all students, including students who are at risk of drug use and abuse

Instruction

The district shall provide science-based preventative instruction which has been proven effective in helping students avoid the use of alcohol and other drugs.

(cf. [6142.1](#) - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

(cf. [6142.8](#) - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. [6143](#) - Courses of Study)

All instruction and related materials shall consistently state that unlawful use of alcohol or other drugs is prohibited. Instruction shall not include any message on responsible use of drugs or alcohol when such use is illegal. (Health and Safety Code [11999.2](#))

The district shall offer staff development activities for staff who implement the comprehensive drug and alcohol prevention and intervention program.

Intervention, Referral, and Student Assistance Programs

The Superintendent or designee shall inform school staff, students, and parents/guardians about early warning signs which may indicate alcohol and other drug use and about appropriate agencies offering intervention programs, counseling, referral, and other student assistance programs.

The Board strongly encourages any student who is using alcohol or drugs to discuss the matter with his/her parent/guardian or with any staff member. Students who disclose their use of alcohol or other drugs when seeking help from an intervention or recovery program shall not be disciplined for such use.

(cf. [5141.52](#) - Suicide Prevention)

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Enforcement/Discipline

Students shall not possess, use, or sell alcohol or other drugs and related paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities.

(cf. [3513.3](#) - *Tobacco-Free Schools*)

(cf. [3513.4](#) - *Drug and Alcohol Free Schools*)

(cf. [5131](#) - *Conduct*)

(cf. [5131.61](#) - *Drug Testing*)

(cf. [5131.63](#) - *Steroids*)

(cf. [5145.11](#) - *Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement*)

(cf. [5145.12](#) - *Search and Seizure*)

The Superintendent or designee shall clearly communicate to all students, staff, and parents/guardians the district's policies, regulations, and school rules related to the use of alcohol and other drugs.

Any student found by the Board to be selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code [11053-11058](#) shall be expelled in accordance with BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. A student found to have committed another drug or alcohol offense, including possession or intoxication, shall be referred to appropriate behavioral interventions or student assistance programs, and may be subject to discipline on a case-by-case basis.

(cf. [5144](#) - *Discipline*)

(cf. [5144.1](#) - *Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process*)

(cf. [6145](#) - *Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities*)

Program Evaluation

The Board and Superintendent shall agree upon performance measures that will be used to monitor and determine the effectiveness of district programs in reducing drug and alcohol use. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the effectiveness of district activities in achieving identified objectives and outcomes. (20 USC [7116](#))

(cf. [0500](#) - *Accountability*)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[44049](#) *Known or suspected alcohol or drug abuse by student*
[44645](#) *In-service training anabolic steroids*
[48900](#) *Suspension or expulsion (grounds)*
[48900.5](#) *Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception*
[48901](#) *Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited*
[48901.5](#) *Prohibition of electronic signaling devices*
[48902](#) *Notification of law enforcement authorities; civil or criminal immunity*
[48909](#) *Narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs*
[48915](#) *Expulsion; particular circumstances*
[49602](#) *Confidentiality of pupil information*
[51202](#) *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*
[51203](#) *Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs*
[51210](#) *Areas of study*
[51260-51269](#) *Drug education*
[60041](#) *Instructional materials*
[60110-60115](#) *Instructional materials on alcohol and drug education*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

[25608](#) *Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

[11032](#) *Narcotics, restricted dangerous drugs and marijuana*
[11053-11058](#) *Standards and schedules*
[11353.6](#) *Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act*
[11357](#) *Unauthorized possession of marijuana; possession in school or on school grounds*
[11361.5](#) *Destruction of arrest or conviction records*
[11372.7](#) *Drug program fund; uses*
[11802](#) *Joint school-community alcohol abuse primary education and prevention program*
[11999-11999.3](#) *Alcohol and drug program funding; no unlawful use*
[124175-124200](#) *Adolescent family life program*

Students

BP 5131.6(e)

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PENAL CODE

[13860-13864](#) *Suppression of drug abuse in schools*

VEHICLE CODE

[13202.5](#) *Drug and alcohol related offenses by person under age of 21, but aged 13 or over;*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

[828](#) *Disclosure of information re minors*

[828.1](#) *Disclosure of criminal records; protection of vulnerable staff & students*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[5812](#) *National education goals*

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