

Substance Abuse Program Policy 2121

The board recognizes that the use/abuse of alcohol, and the use and abuse of controlled, illegal, addictive, or harmful substances including but not limited to marijuana (cannabis) and 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, after-care 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 programs will be age-appropriate and developmentally based for all grades.

The board recognizes the effects on 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 board will seek the support, cooperation, and coordination of public and private agencies through the formation of an advisory committee(s), 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 or designee 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 prevention activities and review prevention instructional materials. At the conclusion of each year, the district will evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Cross References:	Policy 5203	Staff Assistance Program
	Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishments
	Policy 4001	Public Information Program
Legal References:	RCW 28A.210.310	Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property
	RCW 28A.170.075	Substance Abuse Awareness Program – Intent
	HB 1230 (2023)	School-Public Health Information
	RCW 69.50.101	Definitions

	RCW 69.51A.060	Crimes – Limitations of chapter Washington Initiative Measure No. 502
	20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.	Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community Act
	Title 21 Section 811	Controlled Substances Act
Management Resources:	<i>Policy & Legal News</i>	
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