

Section: **INSTRUCTION**

Policy Title: **Substance Abuse Program**

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), narcotic drugs, mood altering chemicals, legend drugs, stimulants, hallucinogenic, amphetamines, barbituates, inhalants, caffeine pills, diet pills, sleeping pills, anabolic steroids or synthetic drugs, 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, information, intervention, after-care support and necessary corrective actions.

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. 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 of directors will seek to cooperate and coordinate with public and private agencies through participation on 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. If such a committee meeting state funding requirements is not in existence, the board of directors shall form one.

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 review instructional materials. The district will evaluate the effectiveness of the program on a regular basis.

Cross References:	Policy 5203	Staff Assistance Program
	Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment

Legal References:	RCW 28A.210.310	Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property.
	RCW 28A.170.075	Substance Abuse Awareness Program - Intent

20 U.S.C. 3171 et seq. Drug-free Schools and Community Act

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