

Substance Abuse Program

The board recognizes that the abuse of alcohol, and the use and abuse of controlled illegal, addictive, or harmful substances including 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 has approved a program which emphasizes drug and alcohol abuse prevention, intervention, aftercare support and necessary corrective actions. The program addresses the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use, and provides information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol. The program is age-appropriate and developmentally based for all students in all grades.

The board recognizes the social, familial and community impact of 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 student, family and community to direct and maintain a comprehensive prevention and intervention program. The board of directors will seek the support, cooperation and coordination of the Wahluke Community Coalition as an advisory committee, which includes representatives from the instructional staff, students, parents, state and local civic leaders and law enforcement as well as the county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment or a representative of a treatment provider.

The Prevention Program Director, Community Coordinator, and the Student Assistance Professional are paid staff that coordinate the prevention efforts at WSD. They have written and implemented a comprehensive Strategic Prevention Plan, approved by the Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery. It is data driven and designed to be a school wide and community based project to reduce substance abuse rates in K-12 students using best practices and evidenced based prevention programs.

The Student Assistance Professional assesses individual problematic behaviors for referral services to partner agencies with district MOUs. This assessment includes a brief GAIN screen to assess the scope of the problem of the use of addictive substances such as alcohol, drugs and nicotine that impact a student's attendance, instruction, sports or behavior. The SAP works with the Prevention Team to run a youth prevention group and offers educational programs during and after school for students and families to reduce and/or eliminate the problems associated with the use of alcohol, drugs and nicotine. School staff will identify supports and use best practices in determining discipline for substance use violations on campus. WSD administrators can reduce the length of a student's suspension based on the commencement of treatment services, including substance-related assessments.

Parents and interested community members are encouraged to participate in the Wahluke Community Coalition's ongoing prevention programs, activities and to get resources for referral services, and addiction recovery or observe classroom activities or review instructional materials. At the conclusion of each year, the district will evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Cross References:

Policy 3241 Classroom
Management, Corrective
Actions or Punishment
Policy 5203 Staff
Assistance Prog.

Legal References:

Substance Abuse Interventions

Suspension

Expulsions/Suspensions

[RCW 28A.170.075](#)

[RCW 28A.170.080](#)

[RCW28A.600.410](#)

[RCW 28A.600.015](#)

SAP--- Intent

SAP--- Grants

Alternatives to

tobacco products on school property

[28A.210.310](#) Prohibition on use of

amended by 2012 c 8)

RCW 69.50.101 Definitions (as

Limitation of Chapter Initiative Measure No 502

RCW 69.51a.060 Crimes –

Drug-free Schools and Communities Act

20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq. Safe and

Substances Act

Title 21 Section 811, Controlled

Management Resources:

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