SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

The use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs by students has a damaging effect on their physical, intellectual, social and emotional development and impedes the district's efforts to educate future productive and responsible citizens to their fullest potential. To provide for the optimal development and safety of our students, the district is committed to a comprehensive program: (1) supporting and fostering abstinence of students; (2) requiring the active participation of students and staff; (3) involving parents/guardians; and (4) encouraging the cooperation and collaboration of community organizations and local law enforcement agencies. A comprehensive program includes:

A. Prevention, presented in all schools, at all grade levels, supported by staff training, parent education, counseling programs and the establishment of a positive school climate.

B. Intervention, and drug and alcohol counseling is available through the student assistance program which includes certified chemical dependency counselors.

C. Aftercare, involving the school working cooperatively with students, parents and community treatment personnel to facilitate and support a student's successful return to school after treatment. Professional treatment is the primary responsibility of the parent/guardian and student.

D. Disciplinary measures that are fair, effective and clearly understood by students, parents and staff and that teach responsibility by enforcing consequences and encouraging changes in behavior.

This policy is designed to support and foster abstinence among students, as well as emphasize that the district will not tolerate students being under the influence, using, possessing, or selling drugs or alcohol on school grounds, or at school-sponsored functions. Use of illicit drugs and unlawful possession and use of alcohol is illegal and harmful.

This policy and supporting regulations will be reviewed biennially by the Substance Abuse Advisory Committee composed of staff, parents, community members, and students.

The superintendent is authorized to develop and implement the necessary regulations for the administration of this policy.
Cross References:  Board Policy  4200  School Visitors

Legal References:  RCW  28A.170.010-.070  Substance Abuse Awareness Program

28A.210.310  Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property.

28A.170.075  Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention

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

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