

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Students shall receive instruction by appropriately trained instructors about the nature and effects of alcohol and other drugs, including dangerous drugs defined by Health and Safety Code 11032. (Education Code 51260)

Site administrators shall determine that drug education instructors are appropriately trained, having demonstrated that they possess:

1. The ability to interact with students in a positive way.
2. Knowledge of the properties and effects of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs and shared drug apparatus.
3. Effective teaching skills and competency in helping students to express opinions responsibly and to become aware of their values as they affect drug-use decisions. (Education Code 51260)

At all grade levels, instruction shall include a study of the effects of alcohol, tobacco, restricted dangerous drugs, and other dangerous substances upon the human system, as determined by science. (Education Code 51210, 51220, 51260)

Instruction shall be sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade level. (Education Code 51260)

Instruction for prenatal substance use prevention education will be provided in the Health Courses, grades 7 through 12.

A district drug education program shall augment any program provided by county drug education services. (Education Code 51260)

Staff shall take every opportunity to cooperate with county staff in planning and implementing collaborative alcohol and drug prevention programs.

The staff shall intervene whenever students use alcohol and other drugs while on school property or under school jurisdiction.

Staff members who believe that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall immediately notify the principal or designee.

If the principal or designee knows, observes or suspects that the student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he/she may notify the parent/guardian. (Education Code 44049)

The principal or designee shall not report a known or suspected instance of alcohol or drug abuse by a student to the parent/guardian if this report would require the disclosure of confidential information in violation of law. (Education Code 44049)

The principal or designee may refer families of these students to services that effectively deal with their drug problems.

In severe cases, if the parents/guardians or the school medical personnel are not immediately available, the principal is authorized to call an ambulance to remove the student to a hospital. Parents/guardians will be notified of this action and shall be responsible for the incurred expenses.

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