



BP 3550 Drug Free Environment and Drug Prevention Program

The District shall be free from all unlawful drugs and from the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in all facilities under the control and use of the District.

Any student or employee who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action consistent with local, state, or federal law, which may include referral to an appropriate rehabilitation program, suspension, demotion, expulsion or dismissal.

Some health risks associated with use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol include:

- Death including by alcohol poisoning or drug overdose;
- Risk of addiction and withdrawal symptoms including pain, convulsions and depression;
- Liver, heart, kidney, pancreas, and brain damage and/or loss of brain cells;
- Impaired judgment and resulting safety and health risks including accidents, unwanted pregnancies, unprotected sex and possible sexually transmitted diseases, and aggressive or violent behavior;
- Impaired performance including drowsiness, impaired memory, and impaired concentration;
- Increased risk of suicide;
- Lung damage or illnesses, bronchitis, or respiratory arrest, and
- Needle-related illnesses and complications such as hepatitis, HIV, muscle and nervous tissue death necessitating limb amputation, and infections.

The Superintendent/President shall assure that the District distributes annually to each student and employee the information required by the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 and complies with other requirements of the Act.

The District shall provide educational and preventive information about opioid overdoses and the use and location of opioid overdose reversal medication to students at all campuses. The Superintendent/President shall establish administrative procedures to assure that each campus health center applies to distribute dosages of a federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication and participates in the Naloxone Distribution Project through the State Department of Health Care Services.

References:

- Education Code Section 67384;
- Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S. Code Section 1011i;
- 34 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 86.1 et seq.;
- Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S. Code Section 8103