



Chico Unified School District

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ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

The Board of Education believes that the use of alcohol or other drugs adversely affects a student's ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful, and has serious social and legal consequences. The Board desires to keep district schools free of alcohol and other drugs and desires that every effort be made to reduce student use of these substances. The Board perceives this effort as an important step towards preventing violence, promoting school safety and creating a disciplined environment conducive to learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a comprehensive prevention and intervention program that includes instruction, enforcement/discipline, activities that promote the involvement of parents/guardians and coordination with appropriate community agencies and organizations.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The Superintendent or designee shall clearly communicate to all students, staff and parents/guardians the district's policies, regulations and school rules related to the use of alcohol and other drugs on school campuses or at school activities. Information about program needs and goals shall be widely distributed in the community.

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)
(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

The Board expects staff to conduct themselves in accordance with the district's philosophy related to alcohol and other drugs. Staff should help students see themselves as responsible partners in efforts to maintain a safe, constructive school climate.

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

The Board also encourages the establishment of site-level advisory groups to assist in promoting alcohol- and drug-free schools.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

Instruction

The district shall provide preventative instruction which helps students avoid the use of alcohol and other drugs. Comprehensive, age-appropriate K-12 instruction shall address the legal, social, personal and health consequences of drug and alcohol use, promote a sense of individual responsibility, and inform students about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use alcohol and other drugs.

All instruction and related materials shall consistently state that unlawful use of alcohol or other drugs is wrong and harmful. Instruction shall not include the concept of responsible use when such use is illegal.

Teachers shall be trained to answer students' questions related to alcohol and drugs and to help students obtain and use current and accurate information, develop and maintain a positive self-concept, take positive actions to cope with stress, and use appropriate social and personal skills to resist involvement with alcohol and other drugs.



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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 6142.2 – Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Intervention, Referral and Recovering Student Support

The Board recognizes that the use of alcohol and other drugs by students is detrimental to their health and educational development. The Board believes that alcohol and other drug use has critical social and emotional consequences which undermine a student's ability to reach his/her full potential and have serious legal ramifications.

In an effort to maintain a school environment conducive to the student's overall well-being, the Board intends to keep district schools free of alcohol and other drugs. All students are prohibited from the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of alcohol or other drugs in any facility of the district, while going to or coming from school, while going to or coming from a school event, or at any district-sponsored event. All students will abide by this prohibition. Any student who violates this prohibition will be disciplined.

Consistent with the Board's desire to provide alcohol- and drug-free schools, a comprehensive K-12 drug, alcohol and tobacco education program will include prevention education; direct student intervention services; and community, parent and employee involvement.

Student discipline in regards to alcohol and other drug use will be consistent with current district student policy and procedures.

The Superintendent will develop, implement and monitor administrative procedures consistent with this policy.

The Board strongly encourages any student who is using alcohol or drugs to discuss the matter with his/her parent/guardian or with any staff member. Students who disclose their use of alcohol or other drugs when seeking help from an intervention or recovery program shall not be disciplined for such use.

Enforcement/Discipline

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate action to eliminate possession, use or sale of alcohol and other drugs and related paraphernalia on school grounds, at school events, or in any situation in which the school is responsible for the conduct and well-being of students. School authorities may search students and school properties for the possession of alcohol and other drugs in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension)
(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Students possessing, using or selling alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia at school or at a school event shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including suspension or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations. Such students also may be referred to an appropriate rehabilitation program.

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)



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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44049 Known or suspected alcohol or drug abuse by student
48900 Suspension or expulsion (grounds)
48900.5 Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception
48901 Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited
48901.5 Prohibition of electronic signaling devices
48902 Notification of law enforcement authorities; civil or criminal immunity
48909 Narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs
48915 Expulsion; particular circumstances
49423 Administration of prescribed medication
49480 Notice to school by parent or guardian; consultation with physician
49602 Confidentiality of pupil information
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
51203 Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs
51210 Areas of study
51220 Areas of study, grades 7 to 12
51260 Elementary and secondary school instruction in drug education by appropriately trained instructors
51262 Use of anabolic steroids; legislative finding and declaration
51264 CDE assistance for inservice training
51265 Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention inservice
51268 Collaboration to avoid duplication of effort

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11032 Narcotics, restricted dangerous drugs and marijuana; construction of terms used in other divisions
11053-11058 Standards and schedules
11353.6 Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act
11357 Unauthorized possession of marijuana; punishment; prior conviction; possession in school or on school grounds
11361.5 Destruction of arrest or conviction records
11372.7 Drug program fund; uses
11802 Joint school-community alcohol abuse primary education and prevention program
11965-11969 The School-Community Primary Prevention Program
11998-11998.3 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Master Plans
11999-11999.3 Alcohol and drug program funding; no unlawful use
124175-124200 Adolescent family life program (Department of Health Services)

PENAL CODE

13864 Comprehensive alcohol and drug prevention education

VEHICLE CODE

13202.5 Drug and alcohol related offenses by person under age of 21, but aged 13 or over; suspension, delay, or restriction of driving privileges

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

828 Disclosure of information re minors
828.1 Disclosure of criminal records; protection of vulnerable staff & students

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

5812 National education goals
7101-7184 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act