

Students have a right to attend school in an environment conducive to learning. Since student drug, alcohol, and tobacco use is illegal and harmful and interferes with both effective learning and the healthy development of students, the school has a fundamental legal and ethical obligation to prevent unlawful drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and to maintain a drug-free educational environment on district property and at all school-sponsored events.

This policy has been adopted after consulting with parents, teachers, school administrators, local community agencies and persons from the drug, alcohol or health service community who are knowledgeable of the latest research information.

Drug Prevention Program

The district's drug, alcohol and tobacco policy, rules and curriculum will be age-appropriate, reviewed annually, and updated as necessary to reflect current research.

Drug, alcohol, and tobacco prevention instruction will be integrated in the district's health education courses. Students not enrolled in health education shall receive such instruction through other programs. At least annually, all high school students shall receive such instruction. Instruction shall minimally meet the requirements set forth in Oregon Administrative Rules.

The district will include information regarding the district's intervention and referral procedures, including those for drug-related medical emergencies in student/parent and staff handbooks.

Intervention and Referral Procedures

Intervention is defined as the identification and referral of students whose behavior is interfering with their potential success socially, emotionally, physiologically, and/or legally as a result of prohibited drug, alcohol, and/or tobacco use.

Any staff member who has reason to suspect a student is in possession of, or under the influence of unlawful drugs, alcohol, other intoxicants or tobacco on district property, on a school bus or while participating in any district-sponsored activity, whether on district property or at sites off district property, will escort the student to the office or designated area and will report the information to the building principal or his/her designated representative.

The building principal or designee will:

1. Call the police if deemed appropriate;
2. Call the parents for a meeting;
3. Discuss the incident with student, parents if available, and police if contacted;
4. Impose the penalty for violations using due process procedures;
5. Tell parents about resources, which offer treatment or assistance for young people suffering from drug-, alcohol- or tobacco-related problems.

Drug- and Alcohol- Related Emergencies

In general, drug-related medical emergencies will be handled like a serious accident or illness. Immediate notification of the community emergency care unit is required. Trained staff members will assist the student in any way possible. Parents shall be contacted immediately. A staff member shall be designated to accompany the student to the hospital or emergency medical facility. Procedures to be taken, including those for students participating in district-sponsored activities off district grounds, shall be included in the district's comprehensive first aid/emergency plan.

Consequences for Violations

Students possessing, using, and/or selling unlawful drugs, including drug paraphernalia, alcohol, and tobacco on district property, in district vehicles, at district-sponsored activities on or off district grounds shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion. Students may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

Program Funding

The district will actively seek funds from outside sources either independently or through coordinated efforts with other districts, community agencies or the education service district for drug-free schools grants.

Funds needed to support district activities related to unlawful drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention will be identified by source, particularly the 1986 Drug-Free Schools Act, moneys, or other grants received from federal, state, or local sources.

Staff Development

The district will offer staff development and training on its drug, alcohol, and tobacco prevention and education program, and staff responsibilities within that program.

Coordination with Law Enforcement

The district consults regularly with School Resource Officers assigned to school buildings to coordinate education, prevention, and intervention programs related to drug and alcohol use. The district is also part of the Central Oregon Safe School Alliance that brings together representatives from community organizations including schools, law enforcement agencies, juvenile justice agencies, and health agencies to discuss issues affecting the health and safety of district students, including the use of alcohol and drugs.

Public Information

The district will develop a public information plan for students, staff, and parents.

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Legal References:
OAR 581-022-0413
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