Substance Abuse Program

The board recognizes that the use and abuse of alcohol, and the use and abuse of controlled illegal, addictive, or harmful substances including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids, is a societal problem and may represent impairment to the normal development, well being and academic performance of students. To ensure the safety, health and well being of all students, the board is committed to a program that emphasizes drug and alcohol abuse prevention, intervention, aftercare support and necessary corrective actions. The program will address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use, and provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol. The program will be age-appropriate and developmentally based for all students in all grades.

The board recognizes the effects to the school, home and community resulting from the abuse of alcohol and the use and abuse of controlled illegal, addictive or harmful substances including anabolic steroids, and marijuana. While the primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his/her parents / guardians, school staff will work with the home and community to develop and implement a prevention and intervention program. The board of directors will seek the support, cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies through formation of an advisory committee, including representatives from the instructional staff, students, parents/guardians, state and local law enforcement staff and the county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment or a representative of a treatment provider.

The superintendent is directed to develop and implement procedures to assess the scope of the problem of the use of addictive substances such as alcohol, drugs and nicotine, and to reduce and/or eliminate the problems associated with the use of alcohol, drugs and nicotine.

Parents/guardians and interested community members are encouraged to visit the school and/or classroom to observe classroom activities and review instructional materials.

Cross References: Policy 3241 Classroom Management, Corrective

Actions or Punishment

Policy 5203 Staff Assistance Program

Legal References: RCW 28A.170.075 Substance Abuse Awareness

program - Intent

RCW 28A.210.310 Prohibition on use of tobacco

products on school property

20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq. Safe and Drug-free Schools and

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