

Section: **INSTRUCTION**

Policy Title: **Substance Abuse Program**

The board recognizes that the use/abuse of alcohol, controlled substances or dangerous drugs and any other chemical substances 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, within the limitations of available funding, to the development of a program which emphasizes information, prevention, intervention, after-care support and necessary corrective actions.

The board recognizes the effects to the school, home and community resulting from drug and alcohol use/abuse. While the primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), school staff shall work with the home and community to develop and implement a comprehensive prevention and intervention program. The board of directors shall seek to cooperate and coordinate with public and private agencies through participation on advisory committee(s) including representatives from the instructional staff, students, parents, state and local law enforcement staff and the county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment or a representative of a treatment provider. If such a committee meeting state funding requirements is not in existence, the board of directors shall form one.

The Superintendent is directed to develop and implement procedures to assess the scope of the problem of drug and alcohol abuse, and to reduce and/or eliminate the problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse.

At the conclusion of each year, the district will evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Cross References: Policy 5203

Staff Assistance Program

Legal References: RCW 28A.210.310

Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property.

28A.170.075

Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention

20 U.S.C. 3171 et seq. Drug-free Schools and Community Act

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