

Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Abuse by Students

The Board believes that all students have the right to learn in an atmosphere that is conducive to their success. The use and abuse of chemicals by students have a deleterious effect on the ability of the student to learn and on the ability of the staff to provide a meaningful educational program; the harmful use of chemicals is not a normal stage of adolescence.

A student shall not knowingly possess, use, transmit, traffic in, or be under the influence of such substances as amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, narcotic or hallucinogenic drugs, alcohol, or intoxicants of any kind on the school grounds, or off the school grounds while attending a school activity, function or event.¹ No student is permitted to possess a tobacco product in any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, rented, or chartered by the school district, school, or public charter school; or on school grounds, athletic grounds, or parking lots. For the purpose of this rule “tobacco” is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product, and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, and snuff, in any form. If a student violates this rule, the administration will follow the disciplinary procedures established in the *Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook* and will notify the parents. If there has been a violation of the law, the appropriate law enforcement agencies will be notified following the procedures as specified in board policy KN - Cooperation With Law Enforcement Agencies. Discipline may include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program.

A responsibility of the school district is to attempt to maintain a drug-free school environment so that learning can take place; to educate all students so that they are aware of the issues and problems related to the use of tobacco, drugs and substances; to identify students who have chemical abuse problems and to assist them in seeking and obtaining appropriate treatment services, whether within the school or in the community if such services are beyond the scope of the school; and to work with other community agencies in solving the problems related to substance abuse.

Therefore, the district will maintain an age-appropriate, developmentally-based drug, tobacco, and alcohol prevention curriculum that will address the legal, social, and health consequences of drug, tobacco, and alcohol use and provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. The district will also develop and maintain a system of identification and referral; provide information about smoking cessation; provide information about drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation, and re-entry programs that are available to students; keep the community aware of the problems in the district and the approaches being used by the district for combating substance abuse; and establish working relationships with community groups to help address the issues of chemical abuse.

¹ See Board Policy JHCD - Administering Medication in School for the legitimate use of medication at school.

The school administration shall continually review its drug, tobacco, and alcohol abuse program to determine its effectiveness and any necessary changes in the program and to ensure that its disciplinary procedures are consistently enforced.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 161.605	OAR 584-020-0040
ORS 161.625	OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075
ORS 332.107	OAR 581-022-0413
ORS 336.067	OAR 581-053-0015
ORS 336.222	OAR 581-053-0545 (4)(c)(R,S,T)
ORS 336.227	OAR 581-053-0550 (5)(t,u,v)
ORS 339.240	
ORS 339.250	
ORS Chapter 475	

Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 812, schedules I through V; 21 CFR 1308.11-1308.15 (2000).