

Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Health Education**

While drug, alcohol and tobacco use is dangerous in all segments of American society, it poses a special risk to young people by denying them the opportunity to develop physically and psychologically. Students have a right to attend school in an environment conducive to learning. To this end, the district is committed to drug-free schools and intends to send an absolute and clear message that alcohol, drug and tobacco use is illegal and will not be allowed in the district.

The Board will adopt a drug/alcohol prevention plan and will review it annually. The plan shall be developed in consultation with parents, teachers, school administrators, local community agencies and persons from the health or drug and alcohol service community.

The Board is committed to a comprehensive health education and health service program as an integral part of each student's general education. This program shall include drug/alcohol instruction which emphasizes prevention, presents current medical research and is consistent with the Health Common Curriculum Goals.

Students shall receive information on the effects of alcohol and drug use on the human body, and the laws relating to their use by minors. Students shall be involved in activities which assist in developing and reinforcing their skills for:

- Understanding and managing peer pressure;
- Understanding the consequences of consuming alcohol and drugs;
- Making informed and responsible decisions; and
- Adopting positive attitudes towards health and wellness.

The schools and staff have adopted the position that abstinence by students is the only acceptable behavior with regards to the consumption of alcohol and other illegal drugs.

The Board shall adopt the curriculum as well as other components of the prevention plan. The age-appropriate curriculum shall be taught annually in grades K-12.

Appropriate staff development shall be provided.

To further the drug and alcohol prevention plan, the district will:

- Develop a referral plan and procedure for students who appear to have drug and/or alcohol abuse problems.

- Develop and issue to all staff members emergency intervention and referral procedures.
- Develop a public information program for students, parents, and district staff addressing the district's prevention plan to include the laws, harms and consequences for using and/or selling drugs and alcohol.
- Develop strategies for gaining federal funds available for drug abuse prevention programs.

The district shall record incidences and report the findings to the Board in September of each year.

Following the annual review and report to the Board, the district will determine the program's effectiveness and implement changes to the program if needed. A component of the annual review shall be to ensure that disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 163.575	OAR 581-021-0050
ORS 336.067	OAR 581-021-0055
ORS 336.222	OAR 581-022-0413
ORS Chapter 475	OAR 581-022-1210
ORS 809.260	

Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S.C. §§ 701-707 (2006); General Principles Relating to Suspension and Debarment Actions, 34 C.F.R. §§ 85.600 - 85.645 (2006).

Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812; Schedules of Controlled Substances, 21 C.F.R. §§ 1308.11 - 1308.15 (2006).

Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7101-7117 (2006).