

Students

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

The Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District's Governing Board believes that the use of alcohol or other drugs adversely affects a student's ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful, and has serious social and legal consequences. The Board desires to keep district schools free of alcohol and other drugs in order to help prevent violence, promote school safety, and create a well-disciplined environment conducive to learning.

Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District has developed a comprehensive prevention and intervention program, the Cotati-Rohnert Park Healthy Kids Program, which includes instruction, referral to a diversion program, enforcement/discipline, activities that promote involvement of parents/guardians, and coordination with appropriate community agencies and organizations.

The Superintendent or designee shall clearly communicate to all students, staff and parents/guardians the district's policies, regulations and school rules related to the use of alcohol and other drugs on school campuses or at school activities. Information about program needs and goals shall be widely distributed in the community.

The Board expects staff to conduct themselves in accordance with the district's philosophy related to alcohol and other drugs. Staff should help students see themselves as responsible partners in efforts to maintain a safe, constructive school climate.

Instruction

The district shall provide science-based preventative instruction which, in accordance with state recommendations, has been proven effective in helping students avoid the use of alcohol and other drugs. Comprehensive, age-appropriate K-12 instruction shall address the legal, social, personal and health consequences of drug and alcohol use, promote a sense of individual responsibility, and inform students about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use alcohol and other drugs.

All instruction and related materials shall consistently state that unlawful use of alcohol or other drugs is wrong and harmful. Instruction shall not include the concept of responsible use when such use is illegal.

Teachers shall be trained to answer students' questions related to alcohol and drugs and to help students obtain and use current and accurate information, develop and maintain a positive self-concept, take positive actions to cope with stress, and use appropriate social and personal skills to resist involvement with alcohol and other drugs.

Intervention, Referral and Recovering Student Support

The Board believes that effective interventions should be available to assist students who use alcohol or other drugs. School staff, students and parent/guardians shall be informed about early warning signs which may indicate alcohol and other drug use and about appropriate agencies

offering intervention programs, counseling, referral and other student assistance programs. The district may help recovering students to avoid reinvolvement with alcohol and other drugs by providing school and/or community services activities designed to increase students' sense of community.

The Board strongly encourages any student who is using alcohol or drugs to discuss the matter with his/her parent/guardian or with any staff member. Students who disclose their use of alcohol or other drugs when seeking help from an intervention or recovery program shall not be disciplined for such use. However, this does not exempt from discipline a student who is found in possession or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Enforcement/Discipline

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate action to eliminate possession, use or sale of alcohol and other drugs, look-alike substances and related paraphernalia on school grounds, at school events or at school-sponsored activities. School authorities may search students and school properties for possession of alcohol and other drugs in accordance with law, Board Policy and administrative regulations.

Students possessing, using or selling alcohol or other drugs, look-alike substances or related paraphernalia at school or at a school event shall be subject to disciplinary procedures, including suspension or expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement in accordance with law, Board Policy and administrative regulations. In addition, such students may be referred to an appropriate counseling program, transferred to an alternative placement, and/or be restricted from extracurricular activities, including athletics.

Legal Reference: Business and Professions Code
 25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction
Education Code
 44049 Known or suspected alcohol or drug abuse by student
 44645 In-service training anabolic steroids
 48900 Suspension or expulsion (grounds)
 48900.5 Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception
 48901 Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited
 48901.5 Prohibition of electronic signaling devices
 48902 Notification of law enforcement authorities; Civil or criminal immunity
 48909 Narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs
 48915 Expulsion; particular circumstances
 49423 Administration of prescribed medication
 49480 Notice to school by parent or guardian; consultation with physician
 49602 Confidentiality of pupil information
 51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
 51203 Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs

- 51210..... Areas of study
- 51220..... Areas of study, grades 7 to 12
- 51260-51269.. Drug education
- 60041 Instructional materials
- 60110-60115.. Instructional materials on alcohol and drug education
- Board Policy
- 5144.15144 Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process
- Health And Safety Code
- 11032 Narcotics, restricted dangerous drugs and marijuana
- 11053-11058.. Standards and schedules
- 11353.6..... Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act
- 11357 Unauthorized possession of marijuana; possession in school or on school grounds
- 11361.5 Destruction of arrest or conviction records
- 11372.7 Drug program fund; uses
- 11802..... Joint school-community alcohol abuse primary education and prevention program
- 11965-11969.. The School-Community Primary Prevention Program
- 11998-11998.3 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Master Plans
- 11999-11999.3 Alcohol and drug program funding; no unlawful use
- 124175-124200 Adolescent family life program (Department of Health Services)
- Penal Code
- 13860-13864.. Suppression of drug abuse in schools
- Vehicle Code
- 13202.5 Drug and alcohol related offenses by person under age of 21, but aged 13 or over
- Welfare And Institutions Code
- 828..... Disclosure of information re minors
- 828.1 Disclosure of criminal records; protection of vulnerable staff & students
- United States Code, Title 20
- 5812 National education goals
- 7101-7184..... Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
- Management Resources:
- WEB SITES
- California Department of Education, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/at>
- California Healthy Kids: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>
- U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools:
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/index.html>

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