

Alcohol and Other Drugs

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) 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. SCOE desires to keep its schools and programs free of alcohol and other drugs in order to help prevent violence, promote school safety, and create a well-disciplined environment conducive to learning.

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive prevention and intervention program that is coordinated with other school and community-based services and programs. SCOE's program shall be scientifically based and designed to prevent or reduce alcohol or other drug use and the possession and distribution of illegal drugs. It shall include primary prevention activities such as decision-making skills and conflict management, instruction, referral to a rehabilitation program, enforcement/discipline, activities that promote the involvement of parents/guardians, and coordination with appropriate community agencies and organizations.

SCOE shall establish performance measures that will be used to monitor and determine the effectiveness of its program in reducing drug and alcohol use. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement an evaluation process that includes ongoing assessment and analysis of objective data regarding the incidence of drug and alcohol use among SCOE students, including discipline problems and the prevalence of risk factors.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with principals, teachers, other school personnel, students, and parents/guardians when developing the program.

The Superintendent or designee shall clearly communicate to all students, staff, and parents/guardians SCOE'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.

Staff should encourage students to participate as responsible partners in efforts to maintain a safe, constructive school climate.

SCOE encourages the establishment of site-level advisory groups to assist in promoting alcohol- and drug-free schools.

SCOE's drug education program shall augment county drug education services, if any. SCOE staff shall take every opportunity to cooperate with county staff in planning and implementing collaborative alcohol and drug prevention programs.

Instruction

SCOE shall provide science-based preventative instruction which has been proven effective in helping students avoid the use of 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 of drugs or alcohol when such use is illegal. (20 USC 7114, 7162; Health and Safety Code 11999.2)

SCOE shall offer staff development activities for staff who implement the comprehensive drug and alcohol prevention and intervention program.

The curriculum of all elementary and secondary schools shall include instruction on the effects upon the human body, as determined by science, of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs as defined in Health and Safety Code 11032, and other dangerous substances. Instruction shall be sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade level.

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In grades 7-12, instruction in drug education shall be conducted in health courses and in any other appropriate area of study required by Education Code 51220.

Secondary school instruction shall also include a study of the effects of alcohol and other drugs upon prenatal development.

Instruction shall be provided by appropriately trained instructors who have demonstrated competencies, as determined by the principal or designee, in the following areas:

1. The ability to interact with students in a positive way
2. Knowledge of the properties and effects of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs, and shared drug apparatus
3. Effective teaching skills and competency in helping students to express opinions responsibly and to become aware of their values as they affect drug-use decisions

Intervention, Referral and Student Assistance Programs

School staff, students, and parents/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.

SCOE 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.

SCOE staff shall intervene whenever students use alcohol or other illegal drugs while on school property or under school jurisdiction. Staff members who have a reasonable suspicion that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall immediately notify the principal or designee.

If the principal or designee, in his/her professional capacity or in the course of his/her employment, knows, observes, or suspects that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, s/he may notify the parent/guardian.

School staff shall not disclose confidential information provided during counseling by a student 12 years of age or older. A school counselor may report such information to the principal or parent/guardian only when s/he believes that disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the student or other persons living in the school community. The school counselor shall not disclose such information to the parent/guardian if s/he believes that the disclosure would result in a clear and present danger to the student's health, safety, or welfare.

Enforcement/Discipline

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate action to eliminate possession, use, or sale of alcohol and other drugs and related paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities.

Students possessing, using, or selling alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including referral to law enforcement in accordance with law, SCOE policy, and administrative regulation. In addition, such students may be referred to an appropriate counseling program, transferred to an alternative placement, and/or be restricted from extracurricular activities.

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 44049 Known or suspected alcohol or drug abuse by student
- 48901 Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited
- 48902 Notification of law enforcement authorities; civil or criminal immunity
- 48909 Narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs
- 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

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

- 25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction

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

Policy Cross-Reference:

- 0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan
- 1020 Youth Services
- 1220 Citizen Advisory Committees
- 1400 Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools
- 3515 Campus Security

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Policy Cross-Reference: (Continued)

- 4020 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace
- 4131 Staff Development
- 5022 Student and Family Privacy Rights
- 5131 Conduct
- 5131.62 Tobacco
- 5137 Positive School Climate
- 5138 Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation
- 5141 Health Care and Emergencies
- 5144 Discipline
- 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
- 5144.2 Suspension and Expulsion: Due Process (Students with Disabilities)
- 5145.11 Questioning and Apprehension
- 5145.12 Search and Seizure
- 6020 Parent Involvement
- 6142.1 Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction
- 6142.8 Comprehensive Health Education
- 6143 Courses of Study
- 6145 Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities
- 6164.2 Guidance/Counseling Services