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COMPREHENSIVE DRUG PREVENTION POLICY

The possession and use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful, and illegal except when used as directed (prescription drugs) by a physician. Students are prohibited from using, selling, attempting to sell, possessing, distributing, delivering, transferring, concealing, or being under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs or materials/substances represented to be a narcotic drug, depressant, or controlled substance (including tobacco, nicotine, and alcohol), or chemical substances which affect psychological functions or affect the educational system of the school. For the purpose of this policy: "Tobacco" means any substance or item, in any form, including e-cigarettes/vapor, containing tobacco and/or nicotine. Students shall not engage in alcohol and/or drug use/abuse nor possess paraphernalia specific to the use of alcohol and/or other drugs.

Students who use prescription drugs or medical cannabis authorized by a licensed physician do not violate this policy if the students conform to the prescription and appropriate school policies.

This policy is in effect on premises owned, leased, or maintained by the school district, at all school-related activities on and off campus, on vehicles used to transport students to and from school or to other activities, and in vehicles parked on school property. Student and parent members of the school community are expected to know and understand the policy provisions and its mandatory nature. A copy of the policy is available upon request and available online in the School Board Policy Handbook. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students.

In accordance with Federal Drug Free Schools and Campuses legislation (Section 5145 of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act), the Board authorizes the use of programs aimed at facilitating awareness, prevention, and intervention regarding the use/misuse of alcohol and other drugs.

1. The primary responsibility for helping students seriously involved with alcohol and other drugs lies with the students and their parents. The District will recommend that students with alcohol and other drug abuse problems seek professional assessment from a trained chemical dependency counselor or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency.
2. The Board authorizes District efforts to provide a supportive school environment for students harmed by alcohol and other drugs.
3. School chemical abuse prevention programs could provide:

- a) group experiences
- b) individual counseling
- c) such other services as are judged to be necessary by school personnel and other involved agencies
- d) programs for persons who desire more information
- e) programs for those who need help with intervention in an existing problem (their own or someone else's)
- f) programs for those who need help completing the goals of a rehabilitation program.

Students who violate this prohibition will be subject to disciplinary sanctions as provided in the discipline plans of the administrative units, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion. Students who violate this prohibition also will be referred to appropriate legal authorities for prosecution.

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