

---

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE/STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Board recognizes that the abuse of tobacco, alcohol, other drugs and anabolic steroids is a societal problem and may represent impairment to the normal development, well-being and academic performance of students. To ensure the safety, health and well-being of all students, the Board is committed to the development and implementation of a program which emphasizes tobacco, alcohol and other abuse prevention, intervention, assessment, outpatient treatment, and necessary corrective actions.

The instructional component of the program will address the legal, social and health consequences of tobacco, alcohol and other drug use and will provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. The program will be research-based, and age-appropriate.

The Board recognizes the effects to the school, home and community resulting from the abuse of alcohol and the use and abuse of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs—including anabolic steroids. While the primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), school and District staff will work with families and community to implement and support a comprehensive approach to addressing substance abuse issues. The Board of Directors will seek the support, cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies through formation of an advisory committee, including representatives from the instructional staff, students, parents, state and local law enforcement staff and the county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment or a representative of a treatment provider.

The Superintendent is directed to develop and implement procedures to assess the scope of the problem, and to reduce and/or eliminate the problems associated with the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs through a coordinated program of specialized counseling, education and support for students.

At the conclusion of each year, the District will evaluate the effectiveness of the program and report the results to the Board.



<i>CROSS REFERENCES</i>	<i>Policy 5203</i>	<i>Staff Assistance Program</i>
<i>LEGAL REFERENCES</i>	<i>RCW 28A.210.310</i>	<i>Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property</i>
	<i>RCW 28A.170.075</i>	<i>Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention</i>
	<i>20 USC 3171 et seq</i>	<i>Drug Free School and Community Act</i>



*POLICY ADOPTED*                      *February 28, 2011*