

Procedure - Substance Abuse Program

Actions taken by staff in dealing with student use and abuse of alcohol and controlled illegal, addictive, or harmful substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids, will have as their first concern the welfare of the student involved and the other students in the school. Although a helping relationship rather than an investigative and punitive approach will be emphasized, necessary and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken when laws or school regulations are violated. Law enforcement agencies will be called upon for investigative and consultative assistance where illegal drug or alcohol activity has occurred.

Prevention

The prevention program will focus on classroom instruction, guidance services, and creating a positive school climate.

A. Instruction

This dimension of the prevention program will focus on:

1. The effects of addictive substances such as alcohol, drugs, and nicotine upon the body; and
2. Skill development related to self-esteem, goal-setting, decision-making, conflict management, problem-solving, refusal, and communication.

B. Guidance Services

Staff will meet with students, individually and in small groups, to supplement addictive substance prevention, instruction, and skill development. Staff will also assist parents in maximizing the prevention efforts of the school.

Intervention

The goal of the intervention program will be to eliminate the use of alcohol and the use and abuse of controlled, illegal, addictive, or harmful substances, including anabolic steroids abuse, by students.

Corrective Action

If a student appears at school or a school-sponsored function demonstrating behavior that indicates that he/she may be under the influence of an addictive substance and/or admits to an administrator that he/she is under the influence of an addictive substance, the school will take the following action:

- A. The parents will be notified to arrange for appropriate treatment.
- B. If the student's illegal use of addictive substances is confirmed, the school administration may request the assistance of a law enforcement official in investigating the source of the addictive substance. Appropriate school disciplinary action will be taken.

If school authorities find a student possessing addictive substances at school, the addictive substances will be confiscated and turned over to law enforcement officials for disposal. Appropriate school disciplinary action will be taken by a school administrator regardless of law enforcement action.

If a school administrator receives information concerning the sales and use of addictive substances outside of school, the information may be reported to law enforcement officials for their investigation.

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