



Responsible Office: Office of Student Services

BOARD POLICY 5250

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - STUDENT PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees ("Board") recognizes that while most students abstain from alcohol, tobacco and drug use, student use of these substances and the associated problems, remain a concern. The Washoe County School District ("District") is committed to providing a program of alcohol, tobacco and substance use prevention and intervention to students that seeks to provide a school environment free from the influence of those substances. The use of alcohol, tobacco and controlled substances can be detrimental to student fulfillment and maintenance of high academic standards. Such behavior can impact a student's social and emotional growth, lead to poor student performance and can adversely affect school morale. This policy and any associated governing documents shall establish the goals of the District in the prevention and intervention of student use of alcohol, tobacco, and controlled substances.

POLICY

1. For the purposes of this policy District property includes any building, owned or leased by the District, used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance, parking lots or storage; the grounds and surrounding buildings; bus stops; and all District-owned vehicles.
2. Guiding Principles
 - a. In order to ensure the highest possible standards of learning as well as the safety, health and well-being of students, the District is committed to the ongoing implementation and maintenance of a comprehensive Substance Abuse Program which includes prevention, intervention and aftercare support as essential components.
 - b. The District shall provide intervention, when appropriate, to reduce the negative consequences these substances can have on a student's health, well-being and academic success.
 - c. As the negative impact of the use of these substances extends beyond the student and school to the family and community, the District seeks to partner with students, their families and the community to address these

concerns. Through these partnerships, students and their families will be provided information and access to intervention and support programs.

- d. Substance abuse prevention education empowers students to avoid problems related to the use and/or abuse of alcohol, controlled substances and tobacco. The District and school staff are uniquely situated to be a part of the prevention and intervention to such use and abuse and will act in collaboration with students, parents/guardians, families and the community to achieve this goal.

3. Guiding Practices

- a. The District prohibits the following behaviors by students on District property, at District-sponsored activities/events, or when representing the District at an activity/event. These prohibited behaviors may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or expulsion from school and school related activities, depending on the nature and intent of the violation, and in accordance with the District's policies and regulations related to student behavior and discipline and applicable state and federal laws and regulations. See the District's policy and associated documents related to Student Behavior for additional information.
 - i. No student may be impaired or under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, as defined in this policy, while on District property, at a District-sponsored event, or while representing the District as part of a school/District organization or team.
"Impaired" means under the influence of a substance such that the student's motor senses (i.e. sight, hearing, balance, reaction, reflex) or judgment either are or may be reasonably presumed to be affected. "Under the influence" refers to any level of consumption of alcohol or a controlled substance by a student.
 - ii. Alcohol and Controlled Substances prohibited. The District prohibits the possession, use, sale, and/or distribution of alcohol, controlled substances, and/or paraphernalia by a student on District property, on District-provided transportation or bus stops, in co-curricular and extracurricular programs, at school- or District-sponsored activities and events, and/or on the way to or going from school.
 - iii. Tobacco and E-Cigarettes prohibited. The District prohibits the smoking, use, sale, and/or distribution of tobacco, tobacco products, or paraphernalia by a student on District property, on District-provided transportation or bus stops, in co-curricular and extracurricular programs, and/or at school- or District-sponsored

activities and events. This includes carrying lit tobacco products and the use of smokeless tobacco products, to include “herbal” or “fake” chew, or any device which simulates smoking such as an electronic cigarette, cigar or pipe, personal vaporizer, e-hookah, or electronic nicotine delivery system.

- iv. Prescription Medications. The District strives to honor the private medical decisions of families while ensuring a learning environment which is free from disruption. However, the District prohibits the use and management of prescription medications, including cannabinoid products, during school hours unless such use cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of the school day. Administration of prescription medications to qualified students on school grounds, upon a school bus or at a school-sponsored event shall be in accordance with this policy, associated governing documents of the District, and state and federal laws and regulations. Such administration shall be in accordance with the District’s administrative procedures related to student health plans (See HEA-P140) and associated documents.
 - v. Marketing, Display, Promotion. The District prohibits the marketing, display or promotion of alcohol, tobacco, and/or controlled substances on District property and/or in school- or District-sponsored publications, websites or social media. This includes student possession of any item or article of apparel which displays or has a pro-alcohol, tobacco and/or controlled or illegal substances message.
 - 1) Commercial advertisement of prohibited substances shall not apply to the use of such advertisements by students and/or faculty in a school program or activity on the harmful effects of alcohol and drugs.
 - 2) Commercial advertisement of prohibited substances shall not apply to magazines, newspapers and other publications having a general circulation in the community, state and/or nation which are purchased by the school or District for their educational value.
- b. Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery
- i. Students often need education, assistance, and support as a result of their own or their peer’s drug or alcohol use. The District seeks to support students in the decision to remain drug and alcohol free. Prevention education, access to programs, and/or assistance to

students displaying signs of harmful involvement shall be made available.

- ii. The District shall provide instruction to students with an age-appropriate, grade sequential, alcohol and drug-specific curriculum designed to equip them with accurate information and life skills that positively influence their decisions concerning the use of alcohol, controlled substances, and tobacco.
- iii. Recognizing that substance use disorders are progressive, processes shall be in place to interrupt student use and/or abuse in order for them to receive appropriate assistance at the earliest possible time.
- iv. The District shall cooperate with community agencies and juvenile justice officials in providing evaluation, referral, and continuity of care for alcohol or other drug abuse treatment for students.
- v. The District, through its various student support departments, shall collaborate with parents/guardians of students suspected of needing a referral for evaluation or treatment by providing information in order that the family may make a positive determination regarding a student's need for services that extend beyond the general school program.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Controlled substance" includes but is not limited to any drug listed in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or official National Formulary, including but not necessarily limited to: narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogenic or mind-altering drugs or substances, amphetamines, barbiturates, cannabis/marijuana, marijuana concentrate, anabolic steroids (drugs commonly known or referred to as: acid, LSD, speed, qualudes, valium, cocaine, crack, PCP, ice, and other names), and any other controlled substances as defined in state or federal law, or any prescription or nonprescription drug, medicine, vitamin or other chemical substance not taken in accordance with the District's policy, regulations, or procedures for administering medicines to students. Controlled substance also includes:
 - a. A prescription drug or medication that is not listed as a Controlled Substance under the Uniform Controlled Substances act, which has not been lawfully prescribed for the particular student possessing or using the medication.
 - b. A counterfeit controlled substance;

- c. Controlled substances presented in alternative forms such as edibles, patches, oils, etc.
 - d. An imitation substance that an individual believes to be a controlled substance or that is represented to be such by or to a student, and/or imitation, synthetic or designer drugs that are used as substitutes or imitations for controlled substances (this includes synthetic cannabinoids or salvia divinorum).
 - e. A chemical compound or substance used to induce a condition of intoxication when inhaled or digested for that purpose. This includes, but is not limited to, household or office products such as aerosol products or liquid correction tape (“white out”).
2. “Alcohol” includes but is not limited to beer, wine, wine cooler, liquor, liqueur, mixed alcoholic beverages, fermented malt beverages or malt, vinous, spirituous liquors or any product, including “non-alcoholic” beer, containing an alcohol content greater than zero that is used for the purpose of intoxication;
3. “Tobacco” includes but is not limited to tobacco products, smokeless tobacco products, to include “herbal” or “fake” chew, and any device which simulates smoking such as an electronic cigarette, cigar or pipe, personal vaporizer, e-hookah, or electronic nicotine delivery system.
4. “Drug paraphernalia” refers to all equipment, products and materials of any kind that are used to facilitate or are intended or designed to facilitate, violations of this policy, including planting, growing, producing, processing, testing, analyzing, packaging, containing, injecting, and/or inhaling controlled substances. (NRS 453.554)
5. “Possession” refers to having the power or intent to control a prohibited substance and shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, the possession of a prohibited substance in a student’s automobile, locker, book bag or desk, or on a student’s person on school property or at any school-sponsored activity.
6. “Use” refers to the consumption, injection, inhalation or absorption of a prohibited substance into a student’s body by any means during normal school hours (including extra-curricular activities)

DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. Through this policy, the Board of Trustees and District shall:
 - a. Ensure the continuation of the District's partnership with families and communities in the prevention and intervention of substance use and abuse;

- b. Support a focus on providing resources, referrals and assistance to students and families related to substance use;
- c. Confirm the District's commitment to prevent, delay and suspend the use of alcohol, tobacco and controlled substances;
- d. Utilize and support the use of model and exemplary best practice substance abuse prevention and intervention methods as identified by nationally recognized studies and agencies, such as the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA");
- e. Develop and sustain committed partnerships with the community to support the prevention and intervention of substance use;
- f. Commit to maintaining student academic and behavioral success through efforts to support students in recovery; and
- g. Strengthens state and federal law compliance and requirement for drug and alcohol and tobacco free schools.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES & ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

1. This policy reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District, to include:
 - a. Board Policy 5100, Student Behavior
 - b. Board Policy 5038, Student Health, Welfare and Rights
 - c. Administrative Regulation 6164.1, Substance Abuse Prevention
 - d. Board Policy 1505, Visitors to District Property
2. This policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to include:
 - a. Chapter 202, Crimes Against Public Health and Safety, and specifically:
 - i. NRS 202.015 – 202.067, Alcoholic Beverages
 - ii. NRS 202.2483 – 202.2497, Tobacco
 - b. Chapter 392, Pupils, and specifically:
 - i. NRS 392.463, Adoption of plan to ensure public schools are safe and free of controlled substances...
 - c. Chapter 453, Controlled Substances

3. This policy complies with the following federal regulations:
 - a. Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7101 et seq.
 - b. Controlled Substances Act

REVIEW AND REPORTING

1. This document shall be reviewed as part of the bi-annual review and reporting process, following each regular session of the Nevada Legislature. The Board of Trustees shall receive notification of any required changes to the policy as well as an audit of the accompanying governing documents.
2. Administrative regulations, and/or other associated documents, will be developed as necessary to implement this policy.

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
9/22/1992	1.0	Adopted
9/26/2017	2.0	Revised: expanded definitions of controlled substances; changed title and number (6164.1, Substance Abuse Prevention)