

Student Involvement with Dangerous Drugs

The use of alcoholic beverages or other drugs or substances capable of or intended, purported, or presumed to be capable of altering a student's mood, perception, behavior, or judgment, other than properly used, over-the-counter pain relievers and medications prescribed by a physician for an individual student and used at school in accordance with Policy 3416, interferes with the learning process and may be illegal. The district supports abstinence from alcohol and other drugs for all children and adolescents so that they may fully develop intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically.

Given the pervasive use of alcohol and other drugs in our society, the district is committed to a home–school–community partnership which includes the following components: an advisory committee; prevention, intervention, referral and care for past users; and discipline.

The district will seek the support and cooperation of public and private agencies through formation of an advisory committee which will include at least the following: representation from the instructional staff; students; parents; law enforcement personnel; and the county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment or his/her designee, or a community member knowledgeable about substance abuse issues.

Professional treatment and aftercare, when needed, will remain the responsibility of the student and parent or guardian. The district is committed to cooperation and accommodation during treatment and aftercare of a student's abuse problem.

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction to district and school staff in the development of a comprehensive program designed to address issues related to student use of alcohol and other drugs. Implementation of this policy, including staffing, in-service training, and instructional materials, will be provided within the resources of the school district.

Cross Reference:

Policy	3416	Medication at School
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Legal References:

RCW	28A.170.030	Application for Funding–Procedure
	28A.170.040	Application for Continued Funding–Contents
	28A.170.050	Advisory Committee–Members–Duties

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