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RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - ALCOHOL AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

The unlawful possession and use of alcohol, controlled substances, and illicit drugs (including illicit synthetic drugs), and the sniffing of glue, paint, or aerosol products is wrong and harmful. It is the policy of Community Consolidated School District 93 that all school property and school programs be free from drugs and alcohol.

Purposes

The purposes of this policy include the following:

1. To establish and maintain a safe, healthy and productive educational environment for all students;
2. To ensure the reputation of the District and its students within the community;
3. To reduce the occurrence of accidental injuries to persons or property;
4. To reduce absenteeism and tardiness, and improve the quality of the educational program in the District;
5. To recommend rehabilitation assistance to any student who needs such help; and
6. To comply with the requirements of applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. A "controlled substance" is one:
 - a. which is identified in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812), as further defined by regulation at 21 C.F.R. 1308.11-1308.15;
 - b. which is not legally obtainable without prescription;
 - c. which is being used in a manner different from that prescribed; or
 - d. which is legally obtainable but has not been legally obtained.
2. "Alcohol" is any beverage that may be legally sold and consumed and has any alcoholic content.
3. A "conviction" is defined as a finding of guilt (including a plea of no contest) or imposition of a sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility of determining violations of the federal or state criminal drug statutes.
4. A "criminal drug statute" is defined as any criminal law involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, use, or possession of any controlled substance.

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Regulations and Standards of Conduct

1. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance or illicit drug, or the sniffing of glue, paint, or aerosol products, by any student while on any property of the District, while riding on school buses, or while engaged in any School District activities is prohibited.
2. The distribution, consumption or possession of alcohol by any student on District property or any facilities operated by the District, while riding on school buses, or while engaged in any School District activities, is prohibited.
3. Being under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance or illicit drug while on District property or any facilities operated by the District, while riding on school buses, or while engaged in any School District activities, is prohibited.
4. Notice of this policy shall be provided to all students and parents of students. All students and parents of students are hereby notified that compliance with the standards of conduct referenced in this policy is mandatory.
5. The District shall attempt in all instances to maintain alcohol- and drug-free schools for its students in compliance with the requirements of the Drug Free Workplace Act and the requirements of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.

Disciplinary and Other Action

1. Violation of these prohibitions will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution.
2. Disciplinary action shall be in accordance with applicable provisions of the School Code and Board policy.
3. The District may require a student who violates any of these prohibitions to participate satisfactorily in an approved substance or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

Drug-Free Awareness Program

The District shall establish age appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education programs which address:

1. The legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use, or the sniffing of glue, paint, or aerosol products;
2. Effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use controlled substances, illicit drugs, or alcohol;
3. The District's policy of maintaining alcohol and drug-free schools;
4. Any alcohol and/or drug counseling, rehabilitation, assistance or re-entry programs available to students;
5. The penalties that may be imposed upon students for violation of this policy.

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Instruction, discussion and study shall be provided each year to all students in the effective methods for prevention and avoidance of drug and substance abuse. The Superintendent is granted the responsibility to determine whether such instruction, discussion and study shall be part of regular course programs or special programs, and to determine the amount of instructional time to be devoted to this subject.

Instruction shall be provided in grades 7-8 in the prevention of abuse of anabolic steroids. The Superintendent, or his/her designee, shall determine the appropriate curriculum program or course for such instruction. Emphasis shall be placed upon the understanding that the use of anabolic steroids presents a serious health hazard when used to enhance athletic performance or physical development.

Any student who feels that he or she has developed an addiction or dependence on alcohol or drugs is encouraged to seek assistance. Requests for assistance will be confidential.

Searches

Students shall be advised that lockers are school, not personal, property. The Superintendent is authorized to request the assistance of law enforcement officials for the purpose of conducting reasonable searches of school grounds and lockers for illegal drugs, including the use of specially trained dogs. To the extent possible, the Superintendent shall consult with the Board prior to or, if necessary, immediately after initiating such a request.

Review

The District shall review this drug and alcohol abuse prevention program on a biennial basis to determine its effectiveness and implement changes to the program if they are needed, and to ensure that the sanctions referenced herein are consistently enforced.

LEGAL REF.: Drug Free Workplace Act (41 U.S.C. §701, *et seq.*);
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (20 U.S.C. §7101, *et seq.*); and
Illinois School Code, Sec. 10-22.10a and 10-22.6 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.10a and 5/10-22.6).

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