

**CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

The Governing Board recognizes its role in the effort to keep District schools free of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. It is well known that the use of these substances adversely affects a student's ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful and has serious medical and legal consequences.

The Board desires that every effort be made to reduce the chances that our students will begin or continue the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Use of alcohol, or tobacco, like any other controlled substance, is illegal for minors.

The District shall develop a comprehensive prevention program that includes instruction, intervention, recovering student support, and enforcement/discipline. The Superintendent or designee shall clearly communicate to students, staff and parents/guardians all Board policies, regulations, procedures and school rules related to this prevention program. Special efforts shall be made to ensure that these materials are understood by parents/guardians and students of limited literacy or limited English proficiency.

*(cf. 5143.1 - Tobacco)*

*(cf. 5152 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

To obtain the widest possible input and support for District policies and programs, the Executive Director, Pupil Services, shall appoint a district-wide, school-community Substance Abuse Advisory Committee to make recommendations related to the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse.

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*