

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**POLICY No. 518  
STUDENTS**

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE/ABUSE**

The Carson City School District recognizes that the primary responsibility of the District is to provide for the education of its students to promote a full realization of their potential. While the District seeks to ensure the highest standard of learning in the classroom, we know that students cannot make full use of the total school program if they are involved with illegal or unauthorized use or abuse of drugs which can seriously inhibit their normal development, their capacity to learn, and their ability to function effectively. The District acknowledges that student use of chemical substances, including alcohol and tobacco, is a problem of utmost concern in our community. The use of such substances often leads to dependency. While recognizing that health problems are primarily the responsibility of the home and family, the District is also concerned for the health, safety, and well-being of the students.

Therefore, the District will provide a comprehensive substance abuse program which presents information and activities to encourage students to abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; which creates a caring, nurturing environment in which clear limits and consequences are set, and which establishes an appropriate identification, intervention, and referral program for students at risk. The District also recognizes the importance of the need for aftercare support for students who re-enter school after treatment. The success of this comprehensive program depends upon mutual involvement and cooperative relationships among students, parents, community, law enforcement, and the schools.

**Prevention**

**A. Instructional Programs**

The District will provide students with information and activities focused on preventing students from using tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. The programs will address the legal, social, and health consequences of tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use and will provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs. At appropriate age levels, students will be provided with current and accurate information regarding the physiological, legal, and psychological consequences of chemical use. Such instruction should be described in curriculum guides of the District. Involvement of outside resource personnel, such as law enforcement officers, medical personnel, and experts on the subject of alcohol and drug abuse, will be encouraged.

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### **B. Drug Advisory Committee**

An advisory committee composed of school and community based members, such as Safe School Professionals (SSP), teachers, counselors, administrators, law enforcement, juvenile probation, parents, and clergy, shall be formed. This committee will research, discuss, and implement prevention and intervention activities within the school and community.

### **C. Staff Training**

The District will provide training for all staff members in the prevention curriculum and related topics, such as confidentiality, addiction, depression, co-dependency, suicide, and others.

### **Intervention**

The District will provide the resources enabling elementary and secondary schools to establish and maintain an intervention program. The purpose of the intervention program is the early identification of students who are at high risk for involvement with tobacco, alcohol, drug abuse and other related behaviors, or who may have already developed a pattern of involvement.

#### **A. Core Teams**

Core teams will be implemented at all schools. Each team may consist of an administrator, an SSP, a counselor, a nurse, at least one teacher, and one community agency representative, if possible.

Support groups will be established at all schools. The core team at each school will refer students to the support groups and will also monitor and assess the types of groups needed.

#### **B. Discipline**

Possession, use, sale, distribution, or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs shall not be tolerated on school grounds, on District-sponsored transportation, or at school-related activities. Disciplinary procedures for dealing with violations of the drug and alcohol policy are contained in the Drug and Alcohol Regulations for the District and in the District Behavioral Matrix.

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C. Aftercare

The District recognizes the ongoing nature of recovery from chemical dependency. Support services will be provided for students in recovery through training of staff in the areas of treatment and aftercare, the availability of support groups, and referral to community resources for ongoing support.

Additional References:

Policy 510, Required Health Examinations and Sports Physicals

Regulation 525, Student Conduct and Discipline

Policy 526, Search and Seizure

References: NRS 392.463, 392.464, 392.466, and U.S.C. §7101 – 7116 (Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act [1994])

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