

Board Policy 3550

Drug Free Environment and Drug Prevention Program

The District shall be free from the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in all facilities under the control and use of the District.

The District does not permit the possession, use, or sale of marijuana for any purpose on District property even if the use meets the qualifications of the California Compassionate Use Act, Proposition 215, and/or the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, Proposition 64. Employees and/or students who qualify under Propositions 215 and 64 to use marijuana for medical and/or recreational purposes are not permitted to possess, store, provide, use, or be under the influence of marijuana while on District owned or controlled property (including but not limited to campus buildings, leased facilities, and parking lots,) or during a District-sanctioned activity or event regardless of the location.

Any student or employee who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action (consistent with District policies; local, state, or federal law; and/or collective bargaining agreements), which may include referral to an appropriate rehabilitation program, suspension, demotion, expulsion or dismissal.

The health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol include:

- Death including by alcohol poisoning or drug overdose;
- Risk of addiction and withdrawal symptoms including pain, convulsions, and depression;
- Liver, heart, kidney, pancreas, and brain damage and/or loss of brain cells;
- Impaired judgment and resulting safety and health risks including accidents, unwanted pregnancies or sexually transmitted diseases, and aggressive or violent behavior;
- Impaired performance including drowsiness, impaired memory, and impaired concentration;
- Sexual dysfunctions;
- Harm to a fetus, including spontaneous abortions, premature labor, and detached placentas;
- Psychological problems including depression, anxiety, paranoia, panic reactions, psychosis, and hallucinations;
- Seizures
- Strokes, cardiac arrest or cardiovascular problems;
- Lung damage or illnesses, bronchitis, or respiratory arrest, and

- Needle-related illnesses and complications such as hepatitis, HIV, muscle and nervous tissue-death necessitating limb amputation, and infections.

The Superintendent/President shall assure that the District distributes annually to each student the information required by the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 and complies with other requirements of the Act.

References:

Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S. Code Section 1145g;
34 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 86.1 et seq.;;
Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S. Code Section 702

El Camino College

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