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DRUG and ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE

(See LDD)

Maintaining a drug free work place is important in establishing an appropriate learning environment for

the students of the district. Unless otherwise specified in this policy, the unlawful manufacture, distribution,

sale, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited at school, on or in school

district property; and at school sponsored activities, programs, and events. Possession and/or use of a

controlled substance by an employee for the purposes of this policy shall only be permitted if such

substance was obtained directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order issued thereto, from a person

licensed by the state to dispense, prescribe, or administer controlled substances and any use is in

accordance with label directions.

As a condition of employment in the district, employees shall abide by the terms of this policy.

Employees shall not unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess and/or use controlled

substances in the workplace.

Any employee who is convicted under a criminal drug statute for a violation occurring at the workplace

must notify the superintendent of the conviction within five days after the conviction. The superintendent

shall then ensure that notice of such conviction is given to any granting agency within 10 days of

receiving notice thereof.

Within 30 days after the notice of conviction is received, the school district will take appropriate action

with the employee. Such action may include suspension, placement on probationary status, or other

disciplinary action including termination. Alternatively, or in addition to any action short of termination,

the emplyee may be required to participate satisfactorily in an approved drug abuse assistance or

rehabilitation program as a condition of continued employment. The employee shall bear the cost of

participation in such program. Each employee in the district shall be given a copy of this policy.

This policy is intended to implement the requirements of the federal regulations promulgated under the

Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988. It is not intended to supplant or otherwise diminish disciplinary actions

which may be taken under board policies or the negotiated agreement.

Maintaining a drug free workplace is important in establishing an appropriate learning environment for

the students of the district. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a

controlled substance is prohibited on district property.

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