



Santa Cruz City Schools
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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Santa Cruz City Schools Policy 6164.2

BASIC POLICY: Because substance abuse is a significant threat to health and to the orderly conduct of the schools, and because athletic coaches and activity advisors have a unique relationship with young people, the Santa Cruz City School has adopted this policy of prevention, intervention, assistance and control for students who participate in co-curricular activities.

PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY:

1. To emphasize the District's concern for the health of students as it is affected by the short and long term effects of substance abuse.
2. To confirm and support existing state and federal laws which restrict the use of controlled substances.
3. To establish standards of conduct for those who are involved in leadership activities.
4. To provide assistance to students and their families through a school based early intervention program and/or referral to a substance abuse treatment agency.

RULE: *Distribution and Sales of Controlled Substances*

Any student who sells or distributes alcohol, marijuana, or any controlled substance while at school or while under the jurisdiction of the school:

1. Will immediately be ineligible for co-curricular activities.
2. Will receive a referral for expulsion in accordance with AR5114 (Suspension and Expulsion).
3. If the student is expelled, the student is ineligible for co-curricular activities for the length of the expulsion.
4. If the student is not expelled but disciplinary action is taken, the student is ineligible for co-curricular activities for ninety (90) school days.
5. NO student shall use or possess alcohol, marijuana, or any controlled substance while at school or any time during the term of this activity.

INTERVENTION POLICIES:

1. District staff shall intervene whenever students use alcohol or other illegal drugs while on school property or under school jurisdiction.
2. Staff members who have a reasonable suspicion that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall immediately notify the principal or designee. If the principal or designee, in his/her professional capacity or in the course of his/her employment, knows, observes or suspects



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that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he/she may notify the parent/guardian.

(Education Code 44049)

1. School staff shall not disclose confidential information provided during counseling by a student 12 years of age or older.
2. A school counselor may report such information to the principal or parent/guardian only when he/she believes that disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety or welfare of the student or other persons living in the school community.
3. The school counselor shall not disclose such information to the parent/guardian if he/she believes that the disclosure would result in a clear and present danger to the student's health, safety or welfare. (Education Code 44049, 49602)
4. The following procedures for use or possession shall be followed when any student uses or possesses alcohol or other illegal drugs or paraphernalia while on any school campus or other district grounds; while going to or coming from school; during the lunch period, whether on or off campus and during, while going to, or while coming from a school sponsored activity.
5. Violations shall be cumulative while the student is attending any school in the district, and violations from other school districts may be considered.

USE OR POSSESSION

First Offense –Use:

- a. The student will be referred to the School Resource Office (SRO) or other police office or deputy if the SRO is not available by the principal or designee
- b. If the student is under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs, the student will be suspended for the remainder of the day.
- c. The student will be referred to the Seven Challenges program in lieu of an additional three days of suspension.
- d. If the parent elects to have their child attend the Seven Challenges or similar program, the student will return to school the following day.
- e. If the parent does not choose attendance the Seven Challenges or similar program, the student will be suspended for three (3) days.
- f. Attendance will be taken at Seven Challenges or similar program.
- g. If the student fails to complete Seven Challenges or similar program, the student will be immediately suspended for three (3) days.



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- h. The student will be ineligible to compete in extracurricular events, including athletics for a period of ten (10) days
- i. The student will be expected to attend all meetings, practices, or team events that do not interfere with the Seven challenges program

Second Offense -Use:

- a. The student will be referred to the School Resource Office (SRO) or other police office or deputy if the SRO is not available by the principal or designee
- b. The student will be suspended for a period of five (5) days and referred to county and community based intervention programs at no cost to the district.
- c. The student will be ineligible for all extracurricular activities including athletics for a period of thirty (30) days but will attend meetings, activities and / or practices.
- d. The student will be required to petition the principal or principal designee to return to the activity or team competition or before joining or trying out for any other activity or athletic team.
- e. The student will be required to complete community service hours

First Offense—Possession of alcohol, controlled substance or other paraphernalia:

- a. The student will be referred to the School Resource Officer (SRO) or other police officer or deputy if the SRO is not available, by the principal or designee.
- b. The student will be referred to the Seven Challenges or similar program in lieu of three days of suspension.
- c. If the parent elects to have their child attend the Seven Challenges or similar program, the student will not be suspended.
- d. If the parent does not choose attendance in the Seven Challenges or similar program, the student will be suspended for three (3) days.
- e. Attendance will be taken at Seven Challenges or similar program.
- f. If the student fails to complete the Seven Challenges or similar program, the student will be immediately suspended for three (3) days.
- g. Before being readmitted to school the student and his/her guardian will meet with the principal or designee.
- h. The student will be ineligible to compete in extracurricular events, including athletics for ten school days.



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- i. The student will be expected to attend all meeting or practices of extracurricular activities that do not conflict with Seven Challenges attendance.

Second Offense:

- a. The student will be referred to the SRO, or other police officer or deputy if the SRO is unavailable, by the principal or designee.
- b. The student will be suspended for five (5) days and referred to county and community based intervention programs at no cost to the district.
- c. The student will be ineligible to extracurricular activities including activities for thirty (30) school days but shall attend meetings and/or practices.
- d. The student will be required to petition the principal or designee to return to the activity or team competition or before joining or trying out for any other activity or athletic team.
- e. The student will be required to complete community service hours.

Third Offense:

- a. The student shall be suspended for five days.
- b. Recommended for expulsion
- c. Referred to a drug treatment program not at district expense.

Sales:

- a. Any student who sells or distributes alcohol, marijuana or any controlled substance while at school or under school jurisdiction shall be suspended for five days and recommended for expulsion.

(cf.5022 – Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf.5141 – Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf.6164.2 – Guidance/Counseling Services)

Teachers, Counselors and administrators are professional people, already trained in working with youth. They should be familiar with legal, sociological, psychological, and medical effects of substance abuse or addiction. It is the goal of this District, through in-service programs, and other educational opportunities, to continually raise staff awareness, understanding and effectiveness in regards to substance abuse.

Regulation SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS

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