

PHILOSOPHY:

U.S.D. No. 273 recognizes the use of drugs as a significant health problem for many adolescents, resulting in negative effects on behavior, learning and the total development of the individual. The misuse and abuse of drugs can affect extra-curricular participation and the development of related skills in adolescents. Team members, family and other significant persons in their lives are also affected by the misuse and abuse of these substances.

Due to their close contact in school sponsored activities, coaches and sponsors have a unique opportunity to observe, confront and assist young people. Therefore, U.S.D. No. 273 supports education and awareness training in student drug abuse problems, especially in areas affecting interscholastic activities.

PURPOSE:

- 1). To discourage students from using drugs.
- 2). To support the existing state laws which restrict the use of drugs.
- 3). To support the U.S.D. No. 273 Drug Free Schools policy (JDDA-R).
- 4). To assist the students who fall under U.S.D. No. 273 policy (JDDA-R) through education and/or professional help.
- 5). To reinforce the school's concern for the health of the student and long term physical and emotional effects of drug use on the students.

RULES:

During the school year, regardless of quantity, a student shall not:

- 1). Use a beverage containing alcohol.
- 2). Use tobacco or tobacco products.

- 3). Knowingly possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind on the school grounds or at a school activity.

Use of a drug authorized by a medical prescription from a registered physician shall not be considered a violation of this rule.

Each coach or supervisor shall establish their own training rules for the activity for which they are the primary coach or supervisor. These rules shall be communicated to the team members or activity participants and their parents or guardians before the student may begin participation in the activity.

Students and their parents or guardians shall be required to certify in writing their comprehension of the rules, requirements, prohibitions and penalties that are associated with the activity in which they are participating. A falsification of a signature could be a violation of the rules.

VIOLATIONS:

Violations of the rules may be reported in the following ways:

- 1). The student turns him/herself in.
- 2). The student is observed by school faculty, administration, custodians or other school staff.
- 3). The student is observed by a concerned individual or other student.
- 4). The student is observed and charged by a law enforcement official.
- 5). The student is observed and reported in any other manner.

The accusations will be investigated and confirmed by the principal and/or vice-principal and any other appropriate persons. If confirmed, and the incident happened on school property or at a school function, the minimum consequence will be (JDDA-R), the school policy for

Drug Free Schools. The coach, sponsor, or director of each individual sport or activity will provide a list of consequences to be followed if a violation is confirmed whether on or off school grounds.

DUE PROCESS:

A student who is alleged to have violated one or more of the rules will be allowed due process rights.

However, nothing in this code is intended to limit the administration in taking disciplinary action against the student in accordance with other policies governing student discipline.

Drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation programs are available to students of U.S.D. No. 273. Some of the services are free and some are fee based. List of counselors are available from the school nurse, principals and the board office.

It is recommended that a student found to be in violation of the rules receive counseling from a drug/alcohol counselor on their first offense.

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