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The Aurora Public Schools shall promote a healthy environment for students by providing education, support and decision making skills in regard to alcohol, drugs, and other controlled substances and their abuse. In order to accomplish this goal, a cooperative effort must be made among the schools, parents/guardians, community and its agencies.

The Board of Education recognizes that drug and alcohol abuse is a serious problem in our society and has taken steps to address this problem. Congressional policy, as reflected by the Drug Free Workplace Act and the Drug Free School and Communities Amendment Act, also acknowledges this problem and these laws set forth certain additional requirements. The Board is committed, through the implementation of the requirements of these laws, to maintaining a drug and alcohol-free workplace for district employees and drug and alcohol-free schools for district students. Consistent with this commitment, the Board hereby directs the Superintendent to take the steps outlined below to satisfy the requirements of the law. To the extent that these requirements are already satisfied by current district programs, policies and practices, no additional action is required.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement procedures to prevent and address the use of illicit drugs and alcohol by students. These efforts shall, at a minimum, satisfy the following requirements:

1. There shall be established drug and alcohol education and prevention efforts (which address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use and provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol) for students of schools operated by the district from early childhood through grade level 12;
2. The concept shall be conveyed to students that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful;
3. There shall be established standards of conduct applicable to students that clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use, distribution, being under the influence of, manufacture or

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- dispensation of controlled substances or of illicit drugs or alcohol by students in any district school, on district property, in district vehicles, or at any school-related activities;
4. There shall be developed a clear statement of the sanctions which will be imposed, consistent with applicable law, against students who violate the standards of conduct, up to and including expulsion and referral to law enforcement for prosecution;
 5. Information about any drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation and re-entry programs that are available to students shall be distributed;
 6. Parents, students and employees shall be given a copy of the standards of conduct and statement of sanctions which are developed;
 7. Parents, students and employees shall be notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory; and
 8. Schools shall periodically review their drug and alcohol prevention efforts in order to (a) determine its effectiveness; (b) implement needed changes; and (c) ensure that the sanctions for violations of the standards of conduct are consistently enforced.

NOTE ON DEFINITION OF TERMS: As used in this policy, the term "controlled substance" shall have the meanings assigned to them by federal law at 41 U.S.C. 706. The term "illicit drug use" and other phrases using the term "illicit drug," shall mean the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of other drugs and alcohol, including anabolic steroids.

LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. §7101 et. seq. (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994)
21 U.S.C. 812 (definition of "controlled substance")
C.R.S. 18-18-407 (2) (crime to sell, distribute or poses controlled substances on or near school grounds or school vehicles)
C.R.S. 22-1-110 (instruction related to alcohol and drugs)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(2)(a)(I)(G) (policy required as part of safe schools plan)

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C.R.S. 22-33-106(1)(d) (suspension or expulsion discretionary for the sale of drug or controlled substance)

C.R.S. 25-1.5-106 (12)(b) (possession or use of medical marijuana in or on school grounds or in a school bus is prohibited)

C.R.S. 25-14-103.5 (boards of education must adopt policies prohibiting use of retail marijuana on school property)

CROSS REFS.: GBEC, Drug Free Workplace
JIH, Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests
JK.3, Discipline of Students with Disabilities
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students
JLCD, Administering Medicines to Students