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Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse (AODA) Policy

Use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs can destroy the health and well-being of any individual. Use of drugs or controlled substances, except under medical supervision and prescription is dangerous. Drug abuse jeopardizes the well-being of the individual in the community. Decreased productivity and learning, serious health problems, breakdown of family and social relationships and strain on personal and societal resources follow abuse. The policy of the Kennewick School District is to provide a safe, healthy, and nurturing learning environment where students can develop internal strengths, values, and self-esteem. Such development will enable students to contribute to a society where external highs are unnecessary and abstinence is the norm. The goal of the Kennewick School District is to enhance the partnership involving home, school, and community to support the development of our students in a drug-free educational environment. Communication with, and involvement of, parents is inherent. Our partnership, then, defines alcohol and other drug use as a serious health problem and is committed to eliminating it from our environment. The use, possession, delivery, manufacture, exhibiting the effects of illegal/illicit drugs, inhalants, alcohol or tobacco (including electronic delivery devices), mind or mood altering substances, imitation drugs or the possession of drug paraphernalia in or on school property or at school-sponsored events is prohibited.

In an effort to restrict tobacco usage and in compliance [RCW 28A.210.310](#) the Kennewick School District shall notify both students and school personnel of the prohibition of tobacco use, including electronic delivery devices. Sanctions for both students and school personnel who violate the policy shall be enforced. Furthermore, signs prohibiting the use of tobacco products, including electronic delivery devices, shall be posted at all Kennewick School District sites.

The Kennewick School District recognizes chemical dependency as a disease as well as the inherent danger connected with any use of alcohol and other drugs. Because of the magnitude of this problem in today's society, we believe that our efforts must be comprehensive and multifaceted. The district is committed to develop and maintain a comprehensive student assistance program for kindergarten through 12th grade, which includes awareness, prevention education, disciplinary consequences, intervention, assessment and referral, after-care, and support. Students who violate any portion of [RCW 69.50](#) (Uniformed Controlled Substances Act) will be disciplined in accordance with [RCW 69.50](#) (Uniform Controlled Substances Act).

The purpose of this policy is to recognize our obligation to lead in the establishment of a positive, drug-free educational environment in which problems can be addressed in a healthful and supportive atmosphere.

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