

**WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #416  
BOARD POLICY**

**No. 2121**

2000 - INSTRUCTION

Learning Programs and Supports

**2121 - Substance Abuse Program**

The board recognizes that the abuse of alcohol, and the use and abuse of controlled, illegal, addictive, or harmful substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids, is a societal problem and may represent an impairment to the normal development, well-being and academic performance of students. To ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all students, the board is committed to the development of a program which emphasizes prevention education, intervention referral, after-care support, and necessary corrective actions. The program will 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. The program will be age-appropriate and developmentally based for all students in all grades.

The board recognizes the effects to the school, home, and community resulting from drug, alcohol and nicotine use/abuse. While the primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his/her parent(s), school staff shall work with the home and community to develop and implement a comprehensive prevention and intervention referral program. The board of Directors shall seek the support, cooperation, and coordination of public and private agencies through participation with representatives from the instructional staff, students, parents, state and local law enforcement staff, and the county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment or a representative of a treatment provider.

The superintendent is directed to develop and implement procedures to assess the scope of the problem of drug, alcohol and nicotine abuse, and to seek to reduce and/or eliminate the problems associated with drug, alcohol and nicotine abuse through programs of prevention and intervention.

Parents and interested community members are encouraged to visit the school and/or classroom to observe classroom activities and review instructional materials. At the conclusion of each year the district will evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

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Cross References: Board Policy 3241  
Legal References: RCW 28A.210.310  
28A.170.075  
20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.

Student discipline  
Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property.  
Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Safe and Drug-free Schools and Community Act