

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use/Abuse Policy

It is the policy of the Richland School District to provide a safe, healthy, and nurturing learning environment where students can learn, develop internal strengths, values, and self-esteem. The use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs can destroy the health and well-being of any individual. The use of controlled substances, except under medical supervision, is dangerous. Therefore, it is against school district policy to be in possession or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

A student shall not knowingly possess, attempt to possess or use, manufacture, be under the influence of, show evidence of having used except where authorized by medical prescription, offer for sale, attempt to sell, barter, transfer to other persons in the school, on school property, at any time the school or grounds are being used for a school activity or event, in district vehicles, at Richland School District bus stops, or while attending a school activity or school event off school grounds any prohibited drug(s) or alcohol. School events include, but are not limited to, athletic events and athletic team camps, co-curricular events and co-curricular camps, and incidents that occur within the proximity of the campus or have a nexus to school. Acts that occur off campus and/or after school hours will be judged by their effect upon the morale and operation of the school and whether they, in fact, are detrimental to the good order and to the welfare of the pupils.

Prohibited drugs include, but are not limited to:

1. Any controlled substance as defined by Washington state statute (RCW 69.50, Uniform Controlled Substances Act.)
2. Any drug which applicable federal or state law states must be obtained by prescription only (RCW 69.41, Legend Drugs).
3. Any drug not properly labeled for use by the person in possession of the drug.
4. Prescription drugs that are not legally obtained or prescribed, are not being used for the prescribed purpose, are being used in excess of the prescribed amount, are being used by other than the person to whom prescribed, or are being sold, traded or distributed.
5. Alternatives to illegal drugs such as designer or synthetic drugs, whether or not prohibited by law, which include, but are not limited to: herbal or plant products with properties that impair, restrict or alter normal cognitive function; herbal or chemical products containing synthetic marijuana (such as K2 or Spice) or synthetic cocaine or methamphetamine (such as bath salts); and any substance purported to, designed to, or which does impair, restrict, or alter cognitive function when absorbed, ingested, injected, or inhaled.
6. Any "look alike" drug or substance believed or represented as being a drug or controlled substance.
7. Drug paraphernalia.
8. Inhalants.
9. Anabolic steroids.
10. Alcohol or other intoxicant of any kind.

In a manner consistent with RCW 69.50 (Uniform Controlled Substances Act) the following terms shall be defined as:

- A. Controlled Substance – a drug, substance or immediate precursor included in schedules I through V as set forth in federal or state laws, or federal or board rules. Likewise schedules I through IV (RCW 69.50 Art.II), list common “drugs” including opiates, hallucinogens, stimulants, narcotics as well as derivative analogs.
- B. Controlled Substance Analog – any substance that has a chemical structure similar to that of controlled substances.
- C. Imitation Drugs – a substance that is not a controlled substance but which by appearance and representation would lead a reasonable person to believe that the substance is a controlled substance.
- D. Manufacture – the production, preparation, propagation, compounding, conversion or processing of a controlled substance, either directly or indirectly or by extraction from substances of natural origin
- E. Under the Influence – an abnormal mental or physical condition due to the influence, a visible impairment of the judgment or a derangement, or impairment of mental or physical function or energies arising there from
- F. Delivery – the actual or constructive transfer from one person to another of a substance, whether or not there is an agency relationship
- G. Legend Drugs – “prescription” medication including, but not limited to, steroids and other performance enhancing medications. Possession of prescription drugs without a prescription is unlawful.
- H. Drug Paraphernalia – all equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance.
- I. Possession – having control over an item with intent to have and to exercise control over the item.

In an effort to restrict tobacco usage and in compliance RCW 28A.210.310, the Richland School District shall notify both students and school personnel of the prohibition of tobacco use. Sanctions for both students and school personnel who violate the policy shall be enforced. Furthermore, signs prohibiting the use and possession of tobacco products shall be posted at all Richland School District sites.

Students are prohibited from using and/or possessing tobacco, tobacco products, electronic cigarette, e-cigarette, or vaporize cigarette, nicotine, nicotine-delivering substances, chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substitutes, and any other “tobacco innovation”.

STUDENTS

Violation of this policy constitutes cause for discipline of a student. The District reserves the right to refer to law-enforcement authorities any act or conduct relating to this policy which may constitute a crime under any federal, state, county or local law.

Legal References:	RCW	28A.210.310	Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property.
		28A.170.075	Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention
		20 U.S.C. 3171 et seq.	Drug-free Schools and Community Act

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