

SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

Graduated Sanctions and Interventions for Student Substance Abuse**(Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs)**

Possession and/or Use: All of the following steps are to be implemented. A student under the influence is to be treated as a medical/health issue before putting the following steps in place. Offenses shall be cumulative during any enrollment level of attendance: elementary, middle/junior high, or senior high.

First Offense Possession and/or Use:

- a. Parent contact immediately upon verification of the offense by School Police Services.
- b. Referral to law enforcement. Since some activities violate local or state law, school officials must notify School Police Services at (619) 291-7678 and obtain a School Police Event Number. **Any action taken by the police will be in addition to any action taken by the district.**
- c. One- to three-day suspension. The suspension may be reduced or waived at the discretion of the principal, if the parent/guardian and student agree to participate in the district Intervention Services Program—Intervention-based, age-appropriate lessons (e.g., Insights Curriculum, Sober Support, Smoking Cessation, Refusal Skills, Intervention Support Groups).
- d. Referral to site-based intervention team (e.g., student assistance program, site study team).
- e. Parent and student signing of Substance Use Intervention Contract. Violation of this contract will result in a reinstatement of the suspension.
- f. Parent notification of the availability of appropriate outside agency referral sources. Student and family will be informed that they are responsible for all costs incurred if they choose outside agency services.
- g. Loss of eligibility to hold student office or to participate in interscholastic, cocurricular, or any other extracurricular activity for 30 school days. Summer vacations or holiday breaks do not count towards the 30 school days loss of eligibility requirement. If the student is a senior, participation in senior activities shall be referenced to current graduation policy ("Responsible Citizenship Expectations for Participation in Twelfth Grade Graduation Ceremonies") and consistently enforced at all sites.
- h. Enforcement of all other school rules related to the incident.

Second Offense Possession and/or Use:

- a. Parent contact immediately upon verification of the offense by School Police Services.
- b. Referral to law enforcement. Since some activities violate local or state law, school officials must notify School Police Services at (619) 291-7678 and obtain a School Police Event Number. **Any action taken by the police will be in addition to any action taken by the district.**
- c. Three- to five-day suspension. The suspension may be reduced or waived at the discretion of the principal, if the parent/guardian and student agree to participate in a comprehensive medical assessment, including chemical substance screening. The student will be referred to an outside agency for evaluation, screening, and completion of a recommended substance abuse treatment program that meets the approval of the district. Upon completion of outside treatment/services, and/or concurrently with outside treatment/services, student will enroll and attend additional site-based Sober Support services provided by the Health Services Outreach Assistant in the Student Intervention Program, Student Support Services. Student and family will be informed that they are responsible for all costs if they choose outside agency services, and in addition, provide the district with proof of attendance.
- d. Parent and student signing of Substance Use Intervention Contract. Violation of this contract will result in a reinstatement of the suspension.
- e. Loss of eligibility to hold student office, or to participate in interscholastic, cocurricular or any other extracurricular activity for 90 school days. Summer vacations or holiday breaks do not count towards the 90 school day loss of eligibility requirement. Participation in senior activities shall be established by the principal, referenced to current graduation policy, and consistently enforced at all sites.

Possession and/or Use: All of the following steps are to be implemented. A student under the influence is to be treated as a medical/health issue before putting the following steps in place. Offenses shall be cumulative during any enrollment level of attendance: elementary, middle/junior high, or senior high.

Third Offense Possession and/or Use:

- a. Parent contact immediately upon verification of the offense by School Police Services.
- b. Referral to law enforcement. Since some activities violate local or state law, school officials must notify School Police Services at (619) 291-7678 and obtain a School Police Event Number. **Any action taken by the police will be in addition to any action taken by the district.**
- c. Five-day suspension with recommendation for expulsion (expulsion will not be recommended for third tobacco offense). The Board of Education may suspend the expulsion if student agrees to attend a district-approved substance abuse program, public or private, is enrolled in a long-term drug program supervised by the court, or is in a private program approved by the district. The student may not participate in any cocurricular, extracurricular activities, or any interscholastic athletics for one complete calendar year from the date of the incident. If a student is a senior, a third offense will require the student to forfeit all senior activities. Refusal to enroll in or complete such a program will result in notification of juvenile court authorities, child protective services, or other appropriate agencies and recommendation for an alternative placement. (**Note:** Suspension sanctions for tobacco/nicotine offenses are calculated separately from other controlled substances. Student shall receive a three-day suspension and expulsion will not be recommended for a third tobacco offense).

Fourth Offense Possession and/or Use:

- a. Parent contact immediately upon verification of the offense by School Police Services.
- b. Referral to law enforcement. Since some activities violate local or state law, school officials must notify School Police Services at (619) 291-7678 and obtain a School Police Event Number. **Any action taken by the police will be in addition to any action taken by the district.**
- c. Five-day suspension with recommendation for expulsion (includes tobacco offenses). Suspension of the expulsion will not be recommended at the board level.

Furnishing or Selling: All of the following steps are to be implemented. A student under the influence is to be treated as a medical problem before putting the following steps in place. Offenses shall be cumulative during any enrollment level of attendance: elementary, middle/junior high, or senior high.

First Offense Furnishing or Selling:

- a. Parent contact immediately upon verification of the offense by School Police Services.
- b. Referral to law enforcement. Since some activities violate local or state law, school officials must notify School Police Services at (619) 291-7678 and obtain a School Police Event Number. **Any action taken by the police will be in addition to any action taken by the district.**
- c. Five-day suspension and recommendation or expulsion (for tobacco offenses, refer to Possession and/or Use). If a student is a senior, participation in graduation activities will be denied for any zero tolerance offenses. Furnishing or selling includes substances represented as prohibited substances even if they are later found not to be. If approved by the Board of Education, expulsion may be suspended if the student enters and completes an educational substance abuse program or private educational substance abuse program that receives the approval of the district. Student and family will be informed that they are responsible for all costs incurred if they choose an outside, private educational substance abuse program. Refusal to enroll in or complete such a program will result in notification of juvenile court authorities, child protective services, or other appropriate agencies and reinstatement of the original expulsion order.
- d. Reinstatement to the comprehensive site will be determined upon receipt of written evidence that the program has been completed. Upon proof of successful completion of an approved substance abuse program, the Placement and Appeal Office, parent, and principal at the site where the offense occurred will determine whether the student will be reinstated at that campus, will remain in the educational substance abuse program for the balance of the semester, or will be placed at another comprehensive site.