



BOARD POLICY 3550

DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

DRUG FREE ENVIRONMENT AND DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM

The District shall be free from all drugs and from the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in all facilities under the control and use of the District.

Health risk associated with use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol include:

- Death including by alcohol poisoning or drug overdose;
- Risk of addiction and withdrawal symptoms including pain, convulsions and depression;
- Liver, heart, kidney, pancreas, and brain damage and/or loss of brain cells;
- Impaired judgment and resulting safety and health risks including accidents, unwanted pregnancies, unprotected sex and possible sexually transmitted diseases, and aggressive or violent behavior;
- Sexual dysfunctions;
- Impaired performance including drowsiness, impaired memory, and impaired concentration
- Increased risk of suicide;
- Lung damage or illnesses, bronchitis, or respiratory arrest, and
- Needle-related illnesses and complications such as hepatitis, HIV, muscle and nervous tissue death necessitating limb amputation, and infections.

Any student or employee who violates this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, which may include referral to an appropriate rehabilitation program, suspension, demotion, expulsion or dismissal.

The Superintendent/President shall assure that the District distributes annually to each student the information required by the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 and complies with other requirements of the Act.

Reference(s): Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989; 20 U.S. Code Section 1011i; 34 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 86.1 et seq.; Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988; 41 U.S. Code Section 8103.

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