

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The use of alcohol and prohibited substances, as defined by Procedure 3240P, and which includes alcohol and drugs, interferes with the learning process. Their use can lead to substance abuse and the organic disease of Chemical Dependency. They interfere with the student's full development of intellectual, emotional, social and physical potential.

It is the policy of the North Kitsap School District to support abstinence from alcohol and other nonprescription drugs for all children and adolescents.

Given the pervasive high rate of adolescent use of alcohol and other drugs, the district is committed to a comprehensive family-school-community partnership program. This program will be overseen by a board appointed, district-wide drug education committee, which will coordinate the development and maintenance of K-12 programs in prevention, intervention, community treatment, referral and school re-entry support. Professional treatment and aftercare, when needed, will remain the responsibility of the student and parent or guardian, but the district will remain committed to cooperation with the family and student during treatment and aftercare.

The purpose of this policy and its additional administrative procedures is to provide direction to address the issues relating to student use of alcohol and other nonprescription drugs. The North Kitsap School District recognizes that substance abuse is a community concern and is committed to join a coalition of community groups and agencies seeking to provide assistance to students affected by substance abuse.

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