Employee Drug Testing

The Governing Board maintains a drug- and alcohol-free workplace. In accordance with law, all employees shall render service without using, possessing, being impaired by, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
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(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

(cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)

Pre-Employment Drug/Alcohol Testing for Safety-Sensitive Positions

Because students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm, the Board authorizes the testing of prospective employees in safety-sensitive positions for drug and alcohol use. The following positions are safety-sensitive and are subject to the district's program:

Position Safety-Sensitive Duties

Bus drivers Driving students home to school

Once a conditional offer of employment has been made, prospective employees in these identified positions shall undergo a pre-employment drug and alcohol screening for any substance which could impair their ability to safely and effectively perform their job functions. This screening shall be part of the employee's pre-employment physical examination.

Final selection of a job applicant for a position shall not be made until the applicant has successfully completed the screening.

All testing and medical examinations shall be conducted in accordance with state and federal law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 4112. /4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44011 Controlled substance offense

44455 Conviction for controlled substance offenses as grounds for revocation of credential

44836 Employment of certificated persons convicted of controlled substance offenses

44940 Compulsory leave of absence for certificated persons

44940.5 Procedures when employees are placed on compulsory leave of absence

45123 Employment after conviction for controlled substance offense

45304 Compulsory leave of absence for classified persons

44839 Medical certificate; periodic medical examination

45122 Physical examinations

GOVERNMENT CODE

8350-8357 Drug-free workplace

12940 Unlawful employment practices

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5504 Medical certification procedures

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7101-7184 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 41

701-707 Drug-Free Workplace Act

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