

DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE
NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

You are hereby notified that it is a violation of board policy for any employee at a school district workplace to unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled substance as defined in the Controlled Substance Act and Code of Federal Regulations.

“School district workplace” is defined as any place where school district work is performed, including a school building or other school premises; any school-owned or school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; any off-school sites when accommodating a school-sponsored or school- under district jurisdiction; or during any period of time when an employee is supervising students on behalf of the district or otherwise engaged in district business.

As a condition of your continued employment with the district, you will comply with the district’s policy on Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace and will, any time you are convicted or any criminal drug statute violation occurring in the workplace; notify your supervisor of this conviction no later than five days after such conviction.

Pursuant to California Education Code §44836 and §45123, the Board may not employ or retain in employment persons convicted of a controlled substance offense as defined in Education Code §44011. If any such conviction is reversed and the person acquitted in a new trial or the charges dismissed, his/her employment is no longer prohibited.

Pursuant to Education Code §45123, the district may employ for classified service a person who has been convicted of a controlled substance offense only if it determines, from evidence presented, that the person has been rehabilitated for at least five years. The Board shall determine the type and manner of presentation of the evidence, and the Board’s determination as to whether or not the person has been rehabilitated is final.

Pursuant to Education Code §44425, whenever the holder of any credential issued by the State Board of Education or the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing has been convicted of a controlled substance offense as defined in Education Code §44011, the commission shall forthwith suspend the credential. Pursuant to Education Code §44065, the district may not employ noncertificated persons in positions requiring a certificate. When the conviction becomes final or when imposition of sentence is suspended, the commission shall revoke the credential. (Education Code 44425)

Pursuant to Education Code §44940 and 45304, the district must immediately place on compulsory leave of absence any employee charged with involvement in the sale, use or exchange to minors of certain controlled substances. For these purposes and those in the following paragraph “charged” means charged by complaint, information or indictment filed in a criminal court of competent jurisdiction.

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Pursuant to Education Code §44940 and 45304, the district may immediately place on compulsory leave of absence any employee charged with certain controlled substance offenses.

The following drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and/or employee assistance programs are available locally:

Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family	(805) 928-1707
Narcotics Anonymous	(800) 549-7730
Alcoholics Anonymous	(805) 925-3782
Santa Barbara County Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services	(888) 868-1649
Cottage Outpatient Center of Santa Maria	(805) 347-7574

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