

Article VIII.B.7. Student Alcohol/Drug Policy

A. Statement of Purpose

The Board recognizes the hazards of illegal drug use and, in agreement with state and federal laws, prohibits the illegal use, possession, distribution, sale or being under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or intoxicants of any kind by students. Violations also include student use, possession, distribution or sale of drug paraphernalia, imitation controlled substances, or resorting where illegal drugs are being used or possessed. This policy covers all Granite District schools, school grounds, school sanctioned activities and when students are being transported in vehicles dispatched by Granite District.

The Board requires the development and implementation of educational programs that will have a positive effect upon student values, provide information on the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs, and aid in the prevention of use of those substances. The Board supports and encourages programs that coordinate school and parent cooperation in attempting to prevent substance abuse and encourages parents and guardians to seek school, public, or outside professional help for students who become involved with alcohol or drug abuse.

The regulations which shall guide the enforcement of this policy (Administrative Memorandum No. 95) shall be in keeping with applicable laws. Disciplinary action, independent of court action, will be taken in cases involving students found in violation of District policy.

B. Pilot Alcohol and Drug Testing Program

1. As student athletes are leaders and role models in schools, the Student Services and School Services Departments shall develop and implement a pilot program of random alcohol and drug testing of student athletes. The program shall:
 - a. Provide clear and written information to parents regarding the goals and methods of the program.
 - b. Require parental or guardian permission for random alcohol and drug testing, utilizing the methods described in the information provided to the parents or guardians, as a precondition to participating in Utah High School Activities Association athletics.
 - c. Utilize only industry standard tests and testing procedures.
 - d. Require immediate parent or guardian notification of a positive test.
 - e. Require compliance with district policy, applicable administrative memoranda and Utah High School Activities Association procedures and rules in the event of a positive test.

2. The Departments shall make annual report regarding the results of pilot program and include recommendations regarding the program and this policy.
3. No later than July 1, 2010, the Departments shall make a final report regarding the pilot program, to include a recommendation whether to continue or discontinue the program.