

UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

1 PHILOSOPHY

The Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) recognizes that the use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcohol, narcotics, or other dangerous drugs is illegal, according to Utah State Law, and constitutes a hazard to students. USDB encourages the development and implementation of programs which will provide information on the harmful affects and aid in the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse. The Schools support programs that coordinate school and parent/guardian cooperation, in attempting to prevent problems of drug abuse, and supports programs that assist parent/guardian in seeking outside professional help from public and private educational and rehabilitative programs. The following procedures provide guidelines which shall be used by the administration of the Schools for providing educational prevention programs, procedures for dealing with violations of the "Drug and Alcohol Policy", and support for students and staff and their families in all efforts of drug and alcohol abuse prevention.

1 PROCEDURES

USDB recognizes the need to reduce the risk of use and the abuse of illegal substances among students. Therefore, the use or possession of alcohol or drugs is prohibited on any property owned or in facilities leased by the agency, or at any activity sponsored by the Schools whether or not it is held on school-owned or leased property.

1.1 Violations -- Use or Possession: All violations of the policy on drugs and alcohol will be reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency.

1.1.1 First violation: Students violating the "USDB Drug and Alcohol Policy" for the first time will be automatically suspended from USDB programs for a minimum of five days. Students who are participants of teams, clubs, etc. or elected officers of the student body shall not be allowed to participate in or attend extracurricular activities for the duration of the five day suspension. During the five day suspension it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian and the students to make arrangements for completing school assignments missed.

1.1.1.1 Any student who is in violation of the "USDB Drug and Alcohol Policy" must submit to a written assessment

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for potential chemical dependency. This assessment will be conducted by a qualified professional. The assessment results will be presented to the parent/guardian. Any assessment done by anyone other than USDB staff or contracted personnel shall be at the option and expense of the parent/guardian.

1.1.1.2 If a USDB student receives a majority of his/her instruction in local school classes, USDB shall support the drug abuse and alcohol policy in force in the school where the student attends.

1.1.2 Second violation: If there is a second violation of the "USDB Drug and Alcohol Policy", the student will be placed on a home-based or alternative educational program for a period of nine weeks.

1.1.2.1 In lieu of alternative placement the student may return to class the week following enrollment by the student and his/her parent/guardian in an early intervention drug and alcohol class.

1.1.2.2 The student and his/her parent/guardian are responsible for making arrangements to fulfill any school assignments missed during absence from class.

1.1.2.3 Any suspension from class which lasts longer than 10 days constitutes a change in placement. USDB shall report any violation to the district where the student resides and request an IEP meeting to arrange for alternative placement of the student. USDB may provide services in the new placement as specified in the IEP.

1.1.2.4 Students enrolled by local districts who receive services from USDB shall be subject to the drug and alcohol policies of the local district when such policies exist. Otherwise, USDB policy shall be applied.

1.1.3 Third violation: If any student is involved in a third violation of the "USDB Drug and Alcohol Policy", the student will automatically be placed in a home-based or alternative education placement for the remainder of the year.

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- 1.1.3.1 Any suspension from class which lasts longer than 10 days constitutes a change in placement. USDB shall report any violation to the district where the student resides and request an IEP meeting to arrange for alternative placement of the student. USDB may provide services in the new placement as specified in the IEP.
- 1.2 Violation -- Selling or Distribution: All violations of the "USDB Drug and Alcohol Policy" will be reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency.
 - 1.2.1 First offense: Because of the seriousness of the offense, a student selling and/or delivering alcohol or other illegal substances shall be automatically placed in a home-based or alternative educational program for a period of nine weeks. Before the student is readmitted to USDB programs, he/she must submit to a written assessment and/or medical assessment for potential chemical dependency. This assessment will be conducted by a qualified professional. The assessment results will be presented to the parent/guardian. Any assessment done by anyone other than USDB staff or contracted personnel shall be at the option and expense of the parent/ guardian. The assessment results will be forwarded to the Juvenile Court.
 - 1.2.2 Second Offense: Any second offense for selling and/or delivering alcohol or other illegal substance will automatically place a student in a home-based or alternative education placement for the remainder of the school year.
 - 1.2.2.1 Any suspension from class which lasts longer than 10 days constitutes a change in placement. USDB shall report any violation to the district where the student resides and request an IEP meeting to arrange for alternative placement of the student. USDB may provide services in the new placement as specified in the IEP.
 - 1.2.2.2 Students enrolled by local districts who receive services from USDB shall be subject to the drug and alcohol policies of the local district.

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- 1.3 Staff Drug and Alcohol Abuse: All violations of the law regarding use and/or possession of drugs and alcohol will be reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency.
- 1.3.1 Use or possession: Teachers or staff found using or in possession of alcohol or illegal substances may be suspended until appropriate administrative actions have been taken (See The Negotiated Agreement, Article V.)
- 1.3.2 Sale or distribution: Teachers or staff found selling and or distributing alcohol or illegal substance shall be suspended with pay until appropriate administrative actions may be taken (See The Negotiated Agreement, Article V.)

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