

Banks School District 13

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Chemical Abuse/Awareness

1. **Student Assistance Program**

The district will provide a Student Assistance Program for grades K-12. The program will include identification, intervention, assessment and treatment recommendations to include in-school support and after-care services for students experiencing school-related difficulties as a result of alcohol, drugs or other personal/family problems.

To facilitate this process, the district will maintain a CORE team. It will consist of administrators, counselors and teachers, all having received specialized drug/alcohol training.

2. **Drug and Alcohol Curriculum**

The district provides a comprehensive and up-to-date drug and alcohol instructional program for grades K-12. The majority of the drug and alcohol curriculum is included in the health/science curriculum, and special programs such as assemblies, are supplemental.

3. **Counseling Services Related to Drugs and Alcohol**

The counseling department will provide resources to services related to drug and alcohol issues to students, staff and community.

These services will be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Student Assistance Program.

4. **Student Interest Groups**

The district will provide opportunities for students to participate in activities which support a chemical-free lifestyle. This will include adult leadership designed to maintain an ongoing student interest group modeled after state or nationally recognized organizations.

5. **Substance Abuse Discipline**

The district provides guidelines to be followed in an effort to assist students who are in violation of the district's Student Code of Conduct concerning drugs and alcohol. The focus shall be on education and the ultimate best interests of the student, as well as maintenance of a school environment that is free from substance abuse. The district's Student Assistance Program Manual is available in building administrative offices and building libraries.

For additional information on each of these five areas, consult the Student Assistance Program Manual.

Discipline Procedures

The district acknowledges that it is illegal for a student under the age of 21 to consume any mind- or mood-altering chemical without a doctor's permission, and that it is medically harmful to the healthy development of the young body to be involved in chemical use. Because of the abuse of chemicals by many young people in today's society, the following procedures will be implemented in the schools.

If a student uses, possesses or sells alcohol, or any controlled substances or drug paraphernalia on or about the school grounds, or at any school-sponsored activities, expulsion from school will result for the first offense. The pretense to do any of the above may result in a five school-day suspension.

In compliance with ORS 339.250 (5 and 9), "Duty of student to comply with rules, discipline, suspension and expulsion, removal and counseling; written information on alternative programs required:"

1. Expulsion of a student shall not extend beyond one calendar year and suspension shall not extend beyond 10 school days. Should the violation take place at the end of the school year, it is at the discretion of the building administrator whether to carry the suspension into the next school year or to impose a consequence equal to the 10-day suspension during the summer months;
2. The district shall propose to the student prior to expulsion and document to the parent, alternative programs of instruction or instruction combined with counseling that are appropriate and accessible to the student.

The administrator has the option to recommend that the expulsion be reduced to a 10-day suspension if the student and his/her parents agree to:

1. Have a drug/alcohol assessment. The family must have an appointment prior to returning to school;
2. Sign a release allowing the assessor and the school administration to exchange information regarding student behavior;
3. Work in cooperation with the school to follow through with the recommendations of the assessment;
4. Enroll the student in a six-session educational class on substance use and abuse;
5. Complete the assessment and subsequent follow up or the student will be subject to further disciplinary action.

A second offense in one school year will result in the student being recommended for expulsion. The administration has the option to recommend expulsion on a first offense. The administration may notify authorities in either offense.