

Coast USD

Board Policy

Drug And Alcohol-Free Workplace

BP 4020

Personnel

The Board of Education believes that the maintenance of drug- and alcohol-free workplaces is essential to staff and student safety and to help ensure a productive and safe work and learning environment.

(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)

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

No employee shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled substance as defined in 21 USC 81 at any school district workplace. These prohibitions apply before, during and after school hours for school district employees. A school district workplace is any place where school district work is performed, 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-approved activity or function where students are 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.

(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall notify employees of these prohibitions. (Government Code 8355; 41 USC 702)

An employee shall abide by the terms of this policy and notify the district, within five days, of any criminal drug or alcohol statute conviction which he/she receives for a violation occurring in the workplace. (41 USC 702)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the appropriate federal granting or contracting agencies within 10 days after receiving notification, from an employee or otherwise, of any conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace. (41 USC 701)

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. A plea or verdict of guilty, a finding of guilt by a court in a trial without a jury, or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere shall be deemed to be a conviction. (Education Code 44836, 45123)

(cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
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A classified employee may be reemployed after conviction of such an offense if the Board determines, from the evidence presented, that the person has been rehabilitated for at least five years. (Education Code 45123)

The Board may take appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination, or require the employee to satisfactorily participate in and complete a drug assistance or rehabilitation program approved by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency.

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)
(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a drug and alcohol-free awareness program to inform employees about: (Government Code 8355)

1. The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace
2. The district policy of maintaining drug- and alcohol-free workplaces
3. Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs

(cf. 4159/4259/4359 - Employee Assistance Programs)

4. The penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug and alcohol abuse violations

The Allied Arts Association, who rents a portion of the district office complex, may serve adult beverages at their after hour events per an agreement between Coast Unified School District and Allied Arts. This board policy applies exclusively to employees of the Coast Unified School District.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 44011 Controlled substance offense
- 44425 Conviction of 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 of controlled substance offense

45304 Compulsory leave of absence for classified persons
GOVERNMENT CODE
8350-8357 Drug-free workplace
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
7111-7117 Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 21
812 Schedule of controlled substances
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 41
8101-8106 Drug-Free Workplace Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 21
1308.01-1308.49 Schedule of controlled substances
COURT DECISIONS
Cahoon v. Governing Board of Ventura USD, (2009) 171 Cal.App.4th 381
Ross v. RagingWire Telecommunications, Inc., (2008) 42 Cal.4th 920

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs: <http://www.adp.ca.gov>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.dol.gov>

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