

Downey Unified School District
STUDENTS

DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR NARCOTICS ABUSE

AR 2490

Every effort shall be made to inform and instruct students at appropriate grade levels about the dangers and implications of drugs and narcotics use. A continuous program of instruction, guidance, and counseling shall be conducted in every school to provide students with preventive, corrective, and rehabilitative measures.

It is recognized that despite all efforts of the school to provide an appropriate educational program for all students there will be a few individuals whose interest and welfare may best be served by temporarily or permanently severing them from public school attendance. Disposition of cases in which students are involved with narcotics, dangerous drugs, or look-alike substances shall be in accordance with established regulations as outlined.

Student involvement with narcotics, dangerous drugs, furnishing* look-alike substances, or the possession of or selling of drug paraphernalia while under the school's authority shall be cause for revocation of regular school attendance privileges and will result in automatic suspension. An exception to the above shall be where authorized medical prescriptions have been placed under the control of the principal or designee in accordance with school rules and regulations.

In addition, in instances where the student is charged with furnishing*, possession, use of, or receiving narcotics, dangerous drugs, or unlawfully offered, furnished, or negotiated to sell controlled substances/look-alike substances, the student shall be referred for expulsion proceedings. If the student has unlawfully possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, the student may be referred for expulsion proceedings.

Expulsion hearings will be conducted in accordance with AR 2460.

*Furnishing narcotics, dangerous drugs or look-alike substances, as referred to in this Administrative Regulation, is defined as the act of willfully making said substances available, with or without compensation, to any other person.