

Title	Educate Students and Families/Caregivers about Cannabis Laws + Substance Use Prevention
Item Type	FYI/ News
Priority Level (Site To Do's ONLY)	Medium
Description	<p>WHAT: Using cannabis (a.k.a. Marijuana) is now legal for adults over 21 in California. It's important for SFUSD teachers, administrators, school social workers, school district nurses, Youth Outreach Workers, and Wellness Center staff to continue to educate students and families on the effects of cannabis use through lessons in the classroom, education within the Wellness Centers, and distribution of parent/caregiver education on the topic.</p> <p>WHO: All Staff at Elementary, Middle, and High Schools</p> <p>WHEN: January 2018 and throughout the year</p> <p>WHERE: All School Sites</p> <p>WHY: There are many questions people have regarding this new law and how it affects our youth. Here are some points to remember.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of January 2018, recreational use for marijuana will be legally available to adults, but is still illegal for people under 21. In San Francisco, the same laws that govern liquor sales will apply to marijuana. For instance, stores must be 600 feet or more from a school site to be operating legally. • In 1991, a Comprehensive Health Education policy went into effect to mandate health education instruction for K-12 students. SFUSD has been educating students about drugs, alcohol, and addiction for decades. • In addition to clarifying what they say about the legality of marijuana for adults, San Francisco teachers will continue to provide students with standards-based health education curriculum to address alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, including marijuana.

- All SFUSD comprehensive high schools and many middle schools have Wellness Centers, which offer counseling and support for students around drug use. Additionally, school social workers and nurses also provide Brief Intervention counseling. This consists of two to three one-on-one sessions that focus on why students are using drugs or alcohol. It supports students to set goals and make healthier, more informed choices relating to their drug or alcohol use.

- In addition to adult educators, SFUSD’s Wellness Centers select and train students to be Youth Outreach Workers. These youth educators provide peer-to-peer teaching and outreach, make classroom presentations, and develop public service announcements that address issues like substance abuse.

- Despite popular belief, only 17% of SFUSD high school students report using marijuana in the last 30 days, compared to 23.4% of the National Average (YRBS, 2015). <https://tinyurl.com/2015YRBS-data>

For more information visit the CA Department of Public Health’s website: letstalkcannabisca.com

Helpful Link (1)	Cannabis Lessons
Helpful Link (2)	Youth and Cannabis fact sheet from CA Department of Public Health
Helpful Link (3)	Guardian/Mentor fact sheet from CA Department of Public Health
From Department	Student, Family & Community Support
From Subunit	School Health Programs
From (Name)	Kim Coates, Executive Director
Site Levels	ES; K8; MS; HS; CO
Audience	Teachers; Other Certificated; Administrators; School Classified Staff
Event Start	
Event End	
Due Date	

Contact for More Information

School Health Programs

Christopher Pepper: pepperc@sfusd.edu

Cheryl Nelson: nelsonc@sfusd.edu

Christine Maog: maogm@sfusd.edu

Rosalia Lopez: lopezr@sfusd.edu

Allison Shoule: shoulea@sfusd.edu

School Health Programs

1515 Quintara St.

San Francisco, CA 94116

415.242.2615

Archive Date

6/8/2018

New

NEW