

Subject: Drugs and Alcohol

Dear Parents:

The mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) is to educate and support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive contributions to the community and the global society. The use of alcohol and other drugs by students interferes with their learning.

The PVUSD shares parents' concerns about the availability and use of alcohol and other drugs. We are working to assure a safe and wholesome school environment for every student. Our district policy does not permit alcohol or other drugs on any school campus. To implement this policy, the PVUSD Board of Trustees has established equitable procedures for pupils who use, possess, or distribute drugs on campus, or who come to campus under the influence of drugs or any other controlled substance. A summary of these procedures is provided on the attached page for you and your student to review.

The PVUSD has a history of commitment to preventing the use of alcohol and other drugs by our students. We provide classroom instruction and the DARE program sponsored by the Watsonville Police Department and Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office.

We also provide intervention services through Pajaro Valley Prevention's Kids' Korner and Student Assistance Programs for students who have issues with controlled substance. These professionally supported services, available on a referral basis, are also resources for parents.

Your support is an essential part of PVUSD's effort to promote and support a drug-free environment for your student in our schools. Please encourage your student to avoid drugs and alcohol or to seek assistance if they use alcohol and other drugs. By working together, we can keep our students focused on reaching their highest potential.

Sincerely,

John Casey