

CRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

GRADES 6-12

"ADAPT PROGRAM"

(Alcohol/Drug Assistance Program for Pre-Teens & Teens)

School Year: 2010-2011
Adopted: February 14, 2011

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Alcohol/Drug Assistance Program for Teens

We believe the health, safety, welfare, educational character and moral development of all students who attend Cranford Middle and High School are significant to our belief that students must be accountable for their actions. Cranford Middle and High School students are expected to represent themselves, their families and our school in a positive and socially acceptable manner during school, school sponsored activities, as well as in the community.

While it is understood that fulfilling these expectations will always be desired, it is also realized that pre-teens and teenagers will make decisions that will not always be consistent with their goals. At times, some level of educational intervention may be necessary and warranted to assist students to refocus their attention on their goals. The ADAPT program is designed to provide preventative intervention services that are educational and perceived to be in the best interest of the student's future. Opportunities to maintain a student's standing in the middle and high school community must be provided for anyone who may not have exercised decision making skills that are compatible with their best interest.

Any student who is reported to the Middle and/or High School Principal as violating the District's Substance Abuse Policy or Athletic Code of Conduct at a school-related or school-sponsored event, on or off school grounds, will be subject to preventative intervention services by the school. As a result of "A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials," any student who is reported to the Middle and/or High School by the Juvenile Division as being charged with committing an illegal act related to substance abuse at a non-school sponsored event may be subject to intervention by the school if the District determines that: the District's involvement (i) is reasonably necessary for the student's physical or emotional safety, security, and well-being or for reasons relating to the safety, security, and well-being of other students, staff or school grounds, and (ii) the student's conduct which is the subject of the proposed consequence materially and substantially interferes with the requirements of appropriate discipline in the operation of the school.

Community Service will be a component of this program. Participation in the ADAPT program is separate and apart from any discipline that may be imposed upon a student for violation of school policies and practices and the Athletic Code of Conduct, if applicable. It should be noted that if a student is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol/drugs in school, Board policy and the corresponding regulations (as well as the Athletic Code of Conduct, if applicable) apply prior to the implementation of the ADAPT program. A student may retain the privilege of confidentially disclosing involvement with alcohol/drugs with our Counselor, their Coach or other school official without penalty, assuming that the disclosure is a request for assistance.

With the exception of ongoing meetings with the ADAPT Program Coordinator, participation in and compliance with the ADAPT program may be excused if the student successfully complies with recommendations from an approved drug treatment facility. (A student's successful compliance with an Intensive Out Patient (IOP) program or an approved offsite educational awareness program shall negate the requirement to participate in the ADAPT Program). Proof of successful completion of recommendations from an approved drug treatment facility or other approved program as referenced herein shall be provided to the District in writing.

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If a student is non-compliant with the ADAPT Program, the student will be subject to discipline as required by Board policy 5131.6.

Upon completion of the ADAPT Program, a letter will be provided to the parent indicating the student's current participation or completion of the ADAPT Program.

All offenses will be noted and inclusive from freshman year through graduation.

A student shall enter the ADAPT Program as a result of the observation /report of a school staff member during School Hours and/or at a School Sponsored Activity.

A student may enter the ADAPT Program as a result of any of the following:

- 1. Legal charges by law enforcement charging the student with committing an illegal act related to substance abuse at a non-school sponsored event where the District determines that: (i) the District's involvement is reasonably necessary for the student's physical or emotional safety, security, and well-being or for reasons relating to the safety, security, and well-being of other students, staff or school grounds, and (ii) the student's conduct which is the subject of the proposed consequence materially and substantially interferes with the requirements of appropriate discipline in the operation of the school; or**
- 2. upon the request of the student and/or his/her parent/guardian.**

Exclusion from co-curricular activities, including but not limited to clubs, interscholastic sports, as well as prom and graduation ceremony, may be appealed to the Superintendent of Schools.

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