



Stockton Unified School District
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PROPOSITION 64 AND THE IMPACT TO OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY
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The Stockton Unified School District Police Department (SUSD PD) remains committed to our mission in *providing a safe educational environment for our community*. The following information is provided to gain some understanding of the changes that have occurred with the passage of Proposition 64, and more specifically with the legislation in regards to the use, possession, and cultivation of Marijuana.

About Proposition 64

On November 8, 2016, the majority of California voters passed and enacted Proposition 64 – The Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (Prop 64). California now joins several states (Washington, Oregon, and Colorado) where the personal possession and recreational use of marijuana is decriminalized. Prop 64 does not alter the Compassionate Use Act (Prop 215) or the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA). Prop 64 permits only adults aged 21 and over to possess and grow specified amounts of marijuana for recreational use.

It remains illegal for individuals under the age of 21 to possess, grow, and/or use marijuana without a prescription.

Impact to our Educational Community & Law Enforcement Response

SUSD PD will ensure a safe environment conducive to the educational experience of our youth. The passage of Prop 64 will not change the way we do business. We discourage the use of any drugs, even marijuana, and will continue to prioritize prevention education to deter their use.

Although Prop 64 changed the law allowing the recreational use of marijuana for adults aged 21 and over, there are conditions to its use. **Among others, marijuana cannot be consumed within 1,000 feet of day care centers, K-12 schools, in public or while operating a vehicle.**

For those under 21 years of age, it is still illegal to recreationally use and/or possess marijuana. Although reduced under Proposition 64, penalties for the recreational use and possession of marijuana for those under 18 years of age include mandatory drug education and community service time.

SUSD PD Officers will respond to all reports of illegal drug use and possession, including marijuana. Officers are trained and well prepared to address the legalities of marijuana possession both on and off campus, as well as other illegal drugs.

Q&A

Q: *As a District employee, what should I do if I encounter a student to be in possession of, or I suspect a student has used, provided or ingested marijuana?*

A: Act in accordance with the Student Discipline Regulations:

- Confiscate the marijuana/illegal substance and turn it over to SUSD PD

Q: *What happens if a police officer encounters a student in violation of law and school policy?*

A: SUSD Police will handle such incidents in accordance with the Student Discipline Regulations, California Education Code 48900 et seq., and any applicable legal code(s).