

TEACHING ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO

In accordance with state and federal law, the Schools shall provide age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate, evidence-based drug, tobacco, and alcohol education and prevention programs in grades K-12.

The drug, alcohol, and tobacco education program shall address the legal, social, and health consequences of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. It shall include special instruction as to the effects upon the human system; the emotional, psychological and social dangers of such use with emphasis on nonuse by school age children and the illegal aspects of such use. The program also shall include information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

The objectives of this program are rooted in the Committees' belief that prevention requires education, and that the most important aspect of the policies and guidelines of the Schools should be the education of each individual to the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

The curriculum, instructional materials and outcomes used in this program shall be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the School Committees.

This policy shall be posted on the Schools' website and notice shall be provided to all student and parents in accordance with state law. Additionally, the Schools shall file a copy of this policy with DESE in accordance with law in a manner requested by DESE.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:1; 71:96

CROSS REFS: GBEC DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

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