

DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO ABUSE PREVENTION

The district is committed to a comprehensive drug, alcohol and tobacco education program which ensures age appropriate, developmentally based alcohol, drug and tobacco abuse prevention programs for students in all grades K-12.

Such programs should include instruction regarding the legal, social and health consequences of these substances, as well as effective classroom strategies which better enable students to resist peer pressure to use such substances. The district is also committed to helping students access an appropriate student assistance program and services.

The district will be guided and supported in its implementation of this program by district staff working in close cooperation with community representatives.

The following objectives must be realized if the goal of minimizing drug and alcohol abuse is to be achieved:

1. Students must be encouraged to identify the problem and its causes, and to organize to solve it.
2. They should understand the nature of legal and illegal drugs.
3. They must be encouraged to develop a set of values and behavioral insights, which will give them a deeper understanding of themselves and society.
4. They must be encouraged to identify the variety of alternative forms of behavior, other than drug or alcohol abuse, which are available to satisfy their needs.
5. They must be encouraged to make constructive decisions concerning the use of drugs and alcohol.

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