

Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

In accordance with state and federal law, the District shall provide age-appropriate, drug, alcohol and tobacco education and prevention programs from early childhood (preschool) through grade 12, with an emphasis on abstinence from substance use/abuse by school-age children.

The drug, alcohol and tobacco education program shall address the legal, social and health consequences of substance use and abuse. Instruction shall include the effects of drugs, alcohol and tobacco on the human system, and the emotional, psychological, social and legal implications. Effective techniques and skills will be practiced for making healthy decisions and resisting pressures to use drugs, alcohol or tobacco.

Rooted in the Board's belief that prevention requires education, the objectives of this content area are:

1. To create an awareness regarding drug, alcohol and tobacco use/abuse, including prevention education, treatment, rehabilitation and legal implications on local, state, national and international levels.
2. To understand the personal, social and economic problems contributing to the use and abuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
3. To develop an awareness and understanding of the media's influence on the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
4. To relate the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco to physical, emotional, mental and social outcomes.
5. To adopt a healthy attitude and plan to reduce pain, stress and discomfort.
6. To understand the need for professional advice in dealing with problems related to physical, mental, social and emotional health.
7. To develop the ability to make intelligent choices based on facts and to build the skills and courage to stand by one's own convictions.
8. To identify individual protective factors that reduce incidence of drug, alcohol and tobacco use.
9. To develop skills to prevent the use/abuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

The curriculum and instructional materials shall be recommended by the Superintendent or designee and approved by the Board.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. §7117 Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities Act of 1994
C.R.S. 18-18-102(5) Definition controlled substance
C.R.S. 22-1-110 Effect of use of alcohol and controlled substances to be taught
C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(bb)(2) Board of Education specific duties
C.R.S. 25-14-103.5 Control of smoking

CROSS REFS.: ADA, Tobacco-Free Schools
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

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