

## TEACHING ABOUT ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUGS

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

The alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention program shall address the legal, social, and health consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, with emphasis on nonuse by school-age children. The program also shall include information about effective techniques and skill development for delaying and abstaining from using, as well as skills for addressing peer pressure to use alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

The objectives of this program, as stated below, are rooted in the Committee's belief that prevention requires education, and that the most important aspect of the policies and guidelines of the District should be the education of children and youth on healthy decision-making:

- To prevent, delay, and/or reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among children and youth.
- To increase students' understanding of the legal implications as well as the social, physical, emotional and psychological impacts of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.
- To teach students self-management skills, social skills, negotiation skills, and refusal skills that will help them to make healthy decisions and avoid alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.

The curriculum, instructional materials, and outcomes used in this program shall be recommended by the Superintendent or designee.

This policy shall be posted on the district's website and notice shall be provided to all students and parents in accordance with state law. Additionally, the district 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  
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Students  
ADC/GBED/JICG, Tobacco Use on School Property/Smoking on School Premise

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