

File: IHAMB - TEACHING ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO

In accordance with state and federal law, the Framingham School District shall provide age-appropriate, developmentally based drug, alcohol and tobacco education and prevention programs ~~and/or content~~ in grades K-12.

The Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Education and Prevention Program shall address the legal, social, and health consequences of *substance*, alcohol, ~~prescription drugs~~, 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 in addition to the illegal aspects of such use.~~ The program shall include information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit substances, alcohol or tobacco.

The objectives ~~of the Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Education Prevention Program~~ ~~this program, as stated below,~~ are rooted in the Framingham School Committee's belief that the prevention of drug and alcohol use by students requires education. ~~The, and that the most important aspect of the policies and guidelines in this area should be the education of each individual to the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.~~

Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Education and Prevention Program Objectives:

- To create an awareness of ~~the impact of substance use by school aged children total substance abuse problem. including:~~ prevention, education, treatment, rehabilitation, and law enforcement at the local, state, national and international levels ~~about substance use in school aged children:~~
- To relate the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco to physical, mental, social and emotional ~~effects, practices.~~
- To develop the student's ability to make ~~intelligent~~ ~~informed~~ choices based on facts and to develop ~~refusal skills. the student's courage to stand by one's own convictions.~~
- ▣ To increase student understanding the personal, social and economic problems contributing to ~~causing the misuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. * To understand the personal, social and economic problems causing the misuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco:~~
- Increase student understanding of risk factors, family history, genetic predispositions of use, abuse, and addiction

Increase student understanding about available services and supports for individuals and family members living with addiction

Increase students' understanding of connections between drug abuse, use, and addiction and connection with mental health issues

To prevent, delay, and/or reduce alcohol, tobacco, and substance use among children and youth.

- To teach students self-management and self-awareness skills~~self-awareness skills~~, social skills, negotiation skills, and refusal skills that will help them to make healthy decisions and avoid alcohol, tobacco, and substance use.

- ~~* To develop a student's interest in preventing illegal use of substances in the community.~~

The curriculum, instructional materials and outcomes used in this program shall be aligned with the revised MA Comprehensive Health Framework. ~~are recommended by the Superintendent or his/her designee.~~¶

This policy shall be posted on the district's website and notice shall be provided to all students and parent/guardians 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](#)

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