

TEACHING ABOUT TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, AND DRUGS

In accordance with state and federal law, Attleboro Public Schools shall provide age-appropriate, developmentally based, drug and alcohol education programs. Such programs shall be factually based utilizing current health and prevention knowledge that promotes health and wellness for the student, school, and community.

The tobacco, alcohol, and substance use/abuse prevention program shall address the legal, social, and health consequences of alcohol, tobacco, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, and 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 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 drug use among children and youth.
- To relate the use of drugs and alcohol to physical, mental, social, and emotional practices.
- To increase students' understanding of the legal, social, and health consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and 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 drug use.

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

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.

Source: MASC March 2016

Legal References:

- M.G.L. 71:1; 71:96

Cross References:

- GBEC: Drug-Free Workplace
- JICH: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students

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