

TEACHING ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO

In accordance with state and federal law, the Mansfield Public Schools will provide age- and developmentally-appropriate, evidence-based alcohol, drug, and tobacco education and prevention programs in grades K-12.

The alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention program will address the legal, social, and health consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use, with emphasis on nonuse by school-age children. The program also will 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 increase students' understanding of the legal, social, economic, 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 will be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the School Committee.

Notice

This policy will be posted on the District's website and provided to all students and parents in accordance with state law. Additionally, the District will file a copy of this policy with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in accordance with law in a manner requested by DESE.

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LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:1;
M.G.L. 71:96 Substance Use Prevention and Abuse Education
Policies for Public Schools

CROSS REFS: GBEC, Drug Free Workplace Policy
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Students