

POLICY: 602.14

DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND POISONS EDUCATION

Drug, alcohol, tobacco, and poisons (e.g., inhalants) education shall be provided in the education program. The education shall be based on the philosophy that the possession or use of such substance may be violations of the law and that the use of such substances can cause physical and/or mental conditions that may seriously affect the student's health and the student's ability to reach their full educational potential. The objectives of this education are based on the belief that education fosters prevention. Those objectives are: a) to create an awareness of drug issues: prevention; treatment; rehabilitation; and enforcement laws of the local, state, national, and international levels; b) to provide information on the harmful effects of substances on one's physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being; c) to assist each student appropriately cope with pain, stress, discomfort, and peer pressure; d) to develop each student's ability to make informed and appropriate choices based on facts and to develop the courage to stand by one's own convictions regarding the substances; e) to help students understand the value of seeking professional assistance in dealing with their physical and mental health needs; f) to have students provide a Student Services Program that gives direct help regarding intervention, prevention, support, and referral to alternative resources.

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