

## **TEACHING ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO**

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

The drug and alcohol education program shall address the legal, social, and health consequences of drug, tobacco, and alcohol use. The program shall include information as to the effects upon the human system; the emotional, psychological and social dangers of such use with emphasis on non-use by school age children and the illegal aspects of such use. The program also shall include information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use drugs, tobacco, or alcohol.

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 Hull Public Schools should be the education of students on healthy decision making.

1. To prevent, delay, and/or reduce drug, tobacco, and alcohol use among children and youth.
2. To increase students' comprehension of social, legal, and health consequences of drug, tobacco, and alcohol use.
3. To teach students social skills, negotiation skills, self-management skills, and refusal skills that will help them to make healthy decisions and avoid drug, tobacco and alcohol use.
4. To develop a students' interest in preventing illegal use of drugs in the community.

The curriculum, instructional materials and outcomes used in this program shall be recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, 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 of this policy in accordance with state law. Additionally, the district shall file a copy of this policy with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in accordance with the law in a manner requested by DESE.

LEGAL REFS: M.G.L. 71:1; 71:96

CROSS REFS: GBEC - Drug Free Workplace  
JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use By Students Prohibited

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