

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

In accordance with state and federal law, the Hadley Public Schools shall provide age-appropriate, developmentally based drug, alcohol, nicotine and tobacco education and prevention instruction.

The drug, alcohol, nicotine and tobacco education program shall address the legal, social, and health consequences of drug, alcohol, nicotine 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 and the illegal aspects of such use. The program also shall include information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use drugs, alcohol, nicotine or tobacco.

The objectives of the district's substance use prevention education, as stated below, are rooted in the School Committee's belief that the school system should take an active role in educating each individual student to the dangers of drugs, alcohol, nicotine and tobacco.

### Objectives

To create an awareness of the total drug problem and prevention, issues, education, treatment, rehabilitation, and law enforcement on the local, state, national, and international levels.

To relate the use of drugs, alcohol, nicotine and tobacco to physical, mental, social and emotional development.

To develop the student's ability to make intelligent choices based on facts and to develop the courage to stand by one's own convictions.

To understand the personal, social, and economic problems causing and/or caused by the misuse of drugs, alcohol, nicotine and tobacco.

To develop an interest in preventing illegal use of drugs in the community.

The curriculum, shall be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the School Committee.

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

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