

I-3 DRUG EDUCATION

The Board authorizes the establishment of a drug education program, to be taught at all grade levels, which is comprehensive in scope and directed toward the acquisition of factual information to promote the development of positive attitudes and values. The program shall concentrate on the physical and psychological causes of drug abuse as well as its consequential effects and symptoms in order to establish an effective program of prevention.

The program shall include the following:

- Age-appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education and prevention programs that address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use and that provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol for students in all grades from early childhood level through grade 12.
- Information conveying to students that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful and is punishable by fines and imprisonment.
- Standards of conduct that are applicable to students and employees in all public schools and that clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on school premises, or as part of any activities of the school.
- A clear statement that sanctions, consistent with local, state and federal law, up to and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution, will be imposed on students and employees who violate the standards of conduct listed in the above paragraph. A description of those sanctions shall be outlined.

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