

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

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

The alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention program shall address the legal, social, and health consequences of alcohol, tobacco and drug use, with emphasis on non-use by school-age children. It shall include special instruction as to the effects upon the human system; the physical, emotional, psychological and social dangers of such use with emphasis on nonuse by school age students and the illegal aspects of such use. The program also shall include information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, including but not limited to prescription drugs

The objectives of this program, as stated below, are rooted in the Foxborough School Committee's belief that prevention requires education, and that the most important aspect of the policies and guidelines of the Foxborough Public Schools 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, 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 shall be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Foxborough School Committee.

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

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

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

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