

TEACHING ABOUT ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUGS

In accordance with state and federal law, the Lincoln-Sudbury School District shall provide age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate, evidence-based alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention education programs in grades 9-12.

The alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention program shall address the legal, social and health consequences of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, with emphasis on non-use by school age children. The program also shall include information about effective techniques and skill development for delaying and abstaining from using, as well as skills for addressing peer pressure to use alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.

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 Lincoln-Sudbury should be the education of children and youth on healthy decision making:

- To prevent, delay, and/or reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among children and youth.
- To increase students' understanding of the legal implications as well as the social, physical, emotional and psychological impacts of alcohol, tobacco and other 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 other drug use.

The curriculum, instructional materials, and outcomes used in this program shall be recommended by the Superintendent or designee.

This policy shall be posted on Lincoln-Sudbury's website and notice shall be provided to all students and parents in accordance with state law. Additionally, Lincoln-Sudbury shall file a copy of this policy with DESE in accordance with law in a manner requested by DESE.

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

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG USE BY STUDENTS PROHIBITED

No student, regardless of age, shall use or consume, possess, buy or sell, or give away any beverage or other ingestible substance containing alcohol; any tobacco product, including vapor/E-cigarettes and chewing tobacco; marijuana in any form, including derivatives of and/or products containing tetrahydrocannabinol; steroids (exclusive of medically prescribed steroids used for the purpose prescribed); or any controlled substance (including illegal use of prescription drugs) on school property or at any school function, including: (a) at any place where an interscholastic athletic contest is taking place, (b) during the course of any field trip, or (c) during the course of any trip or activity sponsored by the School Committee or under the supervision of the School Committee or its authorized agents. Violation of this provision shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency in accordance with applicable law and may be cause for suspension from school.

Likewise, no student shall aid, assist, or conceal the possession, consumption, purchase or distribution of any substance listed above by any other student or students on school property or at any school function, including: (a) at any place where an interscholastic athletic contest is taking place, (b) during the course of any field trip, or (c) during the course of any trip or activity sponsored by the School Committee or under the supervision of the School Committee or its authorized agents.

Additionally, any student who is under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages prior to, or during, attendance at or participation in a school-sponsored activity, will be barred from that activity and may be subject to disciplinary action.

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 DESE in accordance with law in a manner requested by DESE.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L.71;2A; 71:96; 272:40A

CROSS REFS.: IHAMA, Teaching About Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs
GBEC, Drug Free Workplace Policy