

DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO EDUCATION

The Board of Education views with grave concern the serious implications of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use by young people, all over the United States and especially in the school district. In keeping with its primary responsibility--the education of youth--the Board charges the professional staff of the District to continue to investigate the causes of student involvement with drugs and alcohol, and to develop suitable preventive measures however and whenever feasible.

The Board and professional staff will continue to seek ways to educate students and school staff of the District about the dangers of the illegal use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol and tobacco, including the use of alternative nicotine products, and support the majority of our students and staff who are resisting such use. Such educational programs shall:

- A. Emphasize the prevention of drug abuse;
- B. Address the legal, social, psychological, and health consequences of drug, alcohol, tobacco, and alternative nicotine products use;
- C. Provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and alternative nicotine products;
- D. Assist students to develop skills to make responsible decisions about substance abuse and other important health issues;
- E. Promote positive emotional health, self-esteem, and respect for one's body; and
- F. Meet the minimal objectives as stated in the essential performance objectives for health education as established by the State Department of Education.

While the Board in no way condones the abuse of illegal or harmful substances, it is in the interest of student health that a climate be created in the schools so that people with problems may seek and receive help without fear of reprisal.

Anabolic Steroids

The Superintendent or designee shall conspicuously post the following warning in the locker rooms of each of the District's buildings that include any grade higher than sixth grade:

“Warning: Improper use of anabolic steroids may cause serious or fatal health problems, such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, growth deformities, infertility, personality changes, severe acne, and baldness. Possession, sale, or use of anabolic steroids without a valid prescription is a crime punishable by a fine and imprisonment.”