

**Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco**

**Code #341.32**

The Tri-County Area School District Board of Education understands that significant numbers of parents, educators, students and other community members are seriously concerned about the adverse effects of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse on the individual and society. Further, the Board believes that effective education requires both the acquisition of knowledge and the development of positive personal values, and that both the school and other community agencies must share in the development and conduct of programs to alleviate the problems of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.

Therefore, the Board establishes a curriculum that will be:

- Conducted as an integral part of the health education program in the elementary schools, and incorporated in other relevant subject areas in grades 7-12.
- Organized sequentially, comprehensive in scope, directed toward the acquisition of factual information and the development of positive attitudes and values, with a major focus on prevention for the elementary-age child and their parents.
- Adapted to the specialized needs of each grade level.
- Designed with activities to promote the support and involvement of parents within all phases of the program to deter drug and alcohol abuse and tobacco use.

The Board recognizes the need to provide relevant in-service education and the need to strengthen instructional resources to implement effectively the drug, alcohol and tobacco education.

Parents will be readily informed about drug, alcohol and tobacco education. District and community referral resources will be used to assist parents and students.

The District will explore, identify and evaluate new instructional materials, methodology, research findings, and other related information to assist schools in implementing the curriculum.

Legal Reference: Sections 115.35, 118.01(2)(d)2 and 118.126, Wisconsin Statutes

Cross Reference: 341.03, Health Education

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