

## TEACHING ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO

The Board views drug, alcohol, and tobacco use by students as a concern. The Board and the staff will continue to seek ways to educate students about the dangers of the illegal use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol. Curriculum units will include lessons to prevent the use of illegal drugs and alcohol, and about the causes and effects of drugs and alcohol abuse for students.

The following objectives must be taught if the goal of minimizing drug and alcohol abuse is to be achieved:

1. Students will identify the problem, causes, and its solutions.
2. Students will understand the nature of legal and illegal drugs.
3. Students will be encouraged to develop a set of values and behavioral insights which will give them a deeper understanding of themselves and society.
4. Students will be encouraged to identify the variety of alternative forms of behavior, other than drug or alcohol abuse, which are available to satisfy their needs.
5. Students will be encouraged to make constructive decisions concerning the use of drugs and alcohol.

While the Board in no way condones the abuse of illegal and alcohol it is in the interest of students' health that an open climate be created in the schools to minimize the use of illegal drugs and alcohol and to get students' help as needed.