

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE ADOPTED: April 15, 1980 **FILE SECTOR: INSTRUCTION**
DATE REVISED: December 21, 1995 **POLICY TITLE: TEACHING ABOUT ALCOHOL**
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The Medford Area Public School District shall integrate age-appropriate and developmentally-based alcohol and other drug education units into the standard curriculum. These units shall help students:

1. Obtain current, accurate and pharmacological information about alcohol and other drugs including information on potential social, psychological and physical effects of chemical use;
2. Learn about the legal, social and health consequences of alcohol and other drug use;
3. Develop positive self-esteem and recognize the uniqueness of the individual;
4. Develop socially responsible traits;
5. Develop relationship skills which emphasize assertiveness, goal setting and decision-making;
6. Learn about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use alcohol or other drugs;
7. Develop activities which promote alternatives to chemical use;
8. Develop skills to objectively weigh the extensive promotion of chemical use in society by advertisers and other media.

The Board of Education endorses and supports a strong program of alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and intervention, including activities to:

1. Create an awareness of the alcohol and other drug abuse problem;
2. Promote the support and involvement of parents;
3. Utilize the resources of community agencies;
4. Maintain an inservice program for staff.

Alcohol and other drug education units shall be reviewed periodically in order to determine their effectiveness and implement changes if needed.

CROSS REFERENCE:

LEGAL REFERENCE: §118.01(2)(d) and 118.126, Wis. Stats.