

**MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**DATE ADOPTED: April 15, 1980**      **FILE SECTOR: INSTRUCTION**  
**DATE REVISED: December 21, 1995**    **POLICY TITLE: TEACHING ABOUT ALCOHOL**  
**DATE REVISED: January 17, 2002**      **AND OTHER SUBSTANCES**  
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Medford Area Public School District shall integrate age-appropriate and developmentally-based alcohol and other substance education units into the standard curriculum. These units shall help students:

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

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

- Create an awareness of the alcohol and other substance abuse problem.
- Promote the support and involvement of parents.
- Utilize the resources of community agencies.
- Maintain an inservice program for staff.

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

**CROSS REFERENCE:**

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