

**Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs**

Because use of these harmful agents has a deleterious effect on the health and welfare of the users and far-reaching detrimental consequences to users, families, and society, efforts shall be made by staff to reduce student use of harmful drugs, tobacco, and, alcohol.

The professional staff shall be provided information and skills to acquaint them with problems related to drug, tobacco, and alcohol use and in recognition of the symptoms of such use. At least annually and as other appropriate opportunities arise, teachers in each grade shall emphasize the effect of alcohol, nicotine, tobacco, and drugs on health, character, citizenship, and personality development, in both health education programs and in other contexts.

The Superintendent or designee shall make use of in-service training sessions for staff to achieve the goals of this policy. Full cooperation with community agencies shall be given wherever such cooperation is advantageous to students.

Legal References:      Connecticut General Statutes § 10-16b  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-19  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-19a  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-19b  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221(d)

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