

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

The Cohasset School Committee recognizes its responsibility for ensuring the safety of all members of the staff and student body and for support and assisting in the enforcement of current law. It is illegal, and physically and psychologically harmful for individuals to use, possess and/or distribute any drugs or alcohol in any facility/real property or during school sponsored functions that are under the purview of the Cohasset School District. The Committee will support substance abuse educational program and strict enforcement policies. The Superintendent will maintain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Cohasset Police Department and that MOU will be reviewed and approved annually. Likewise, substance abuse enforcement policies contained in Student Handbooks will be given particular emphasis during the School Committee annual review and approval process.

In addition, the Committee will:

1. Recognize its responsibility to educate all students to the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.
2. Direct the administration to disseminate to the students, to the entire staff and community such rules and regulations established by the administration to support the implementation of this policy.
3. Encourage rehabilitation of drug and alcohol offenders through referrals to appropriate agencies.
4. Cooperate with the law enforcement agencies in fulfilling the legal responsibilities connected with criminal offenses according to Massachusetts statutes.
5. Develop an understanding of and respect for current law by all students, school personnel and the community.