Subject: Substance Abuse-Prevention Instruction

The Board agrees with the concept that substance abuse should be treated as an illness. Therefore, a two-phase program dealing with substance abuse will be instituted within the district.

First, as part of the appropriate instructional programs a prevention program will be instituted to educate students on the hazards of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse. This program will include instruction on:

(a) Causes for substance abuse;
(b) Physical and psychological damage associated with substance abuse;
(c) Avoidance of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

Second, follow-up activities consisting, at a minimum, of counseling and referral to appropriate community agencies, will be provided to students who are in need of such services.

Education Law Section 804
Commissioner’s Regulations 135.3a

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