## TEACHING ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO

The Board of Education is concerned about the serious implications of alcohol, drug, and tobacco use by people, specifically young, people, all over the United States and especially in the school district. In keeping with its primary responsibility-the education of youth

The Board and the professional staff of the district to continue to investigate the causes of student involvement with drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and to develop suitable preventive measures however and whenever feasible. The Board and the professional staff shall continue to seek wavs to educate students and school staff of the district about the dangers of the illegal use of drug, and the abuse of alcohol and tobacco. Instruction will include sessions about the causes and effects of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse, especially in young people. In addition, all high school students will receive instruction on the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

While the Board in no way condones the abuse of illegal or harmful substances, it is in the interest of student and staff' health that a climate be created in the schools so that individuals with problems may seek to receive help without fear of reprisal.

Cross-ref: 5312.3, Smoking Ref: Education Law §804 8NYCRR§§100.2(c)(3)