

**Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol**

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 of drug, tobacco, and alcohol use and in recognition of the symptoms of such use. At least annually, and as other appropriate opportunities arise, teachers shall emphasize the effect of alcohol, nicotine, tobacco and drugs on health, character, citizenship, and personality development. The Superintendent shall make use of in-service training sessions for both certified and non-certified staff to achieve the goals of this policy; full cooperation with community agencies shall be given wherever such cooperation is advantageous to students.

(cf. [5131.6](#) - Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-16b](#) Prescribed courses of study.

[10-19](#) Effect of alcohol, nicotine or tobacco and drugs to be taught.

[10-19a](#) Superintendent to designate substance abuse prevention team.

[10-19b](#) Advisory councils on drug abuse prevention.

[10-220](#) Duties of boards of education.

[10-221\(d\)](#) Boards of education to prescribe rules.

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