

SAFETY DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION

Our young people are the nation's greatest resource. Tragically, an epidemic of drug and alcohol abuse now threatens younger and younger children. Therefore, the Town of Webb Board of Education has adopted the following policy:

- 1.0 There shall be a program of drug and alcohol education, with the following objectives:
 - 1.1 To provide students and their parents with sound and accurate information about drugs, responsible drug and alcohol use, and drug and alcohol abuse.
 - 1.2 To promote a climate, in school and in the community, which encourages abstinence or responsible use of medicine and alcohol, and discourages use for escape, for recreation, or for approval by peers.
 - 1.3 To make parents and the public aware of the causes of alcohol and drug abuse, and to provide opportunities to reduce or eliminate them.
 - 1.4 To give young people and their families an opportunity to develop preventive health and safety programs for the school and for the community.
- 2.0 The district shall maintain a preventive education program, including the following approaches:
 - 2.1 All teachers shall have sufficient basic knowledge of drugs, alcohol, and other substances to include it in their instruction, and to counsel or refer students when necessary.
 - 2.2 Thorough instruction in drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use shall be incorporated into health courses.
 - 2.3 Counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, and/or the school physician shall provide primary counseling to students, and shall refer students to further sources of help.
 - 2.4 The school physician shall conduct medical examinations, including urinalysis, as necessary.
 - 2.5 Students shall work to exert positive peer influence, and to improve communications between young people and adults on these issues. The district encourages the formation of groups such as Students Against Drunk Driving to further these ends.
 - 2.6 Parents shall be encouraged to participate in the development of education programs and student clubs, and to become involved in adult education programs and community prevention efforts. Parents shall promote participation in healthy, drug and alcohol free activities including school sponsored/organized dances and after prom parties.
 - 2.7 The Board of Education shall promote a full and varied program of sports and extra-curricular activities as positive alternatives to the abuse of drugs and alcohol.

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