PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY IHAMA – TEACHING ABOUT ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND TOBACCO

Category: Priority

Related Policies: ADC, ADB/GBEC, JICH

District personnel shall provide students, parents, and legal guardians with information and resources on existing drug and alcohol counseling and treatment for students. The Superintendent shall oversee the development, distribution, and maintenance of a comprehensive list of local, regional, statewide drug and alcohol counseling, and treatment resources which are available to District students. This information may be published in student/parent handbooks, posted on district websites, distributed along with other course material during drug and alcohol education, and shall be available in locations deemed appropriate by the principal in each school.

As part of the health education program, the District shall provide age and developmentally appropriate education based upon the needs of students and the community regarding the effects of alcohol and other drugs, abuse thereof, the hazards of using tobacco products, e-cigarettes, liquid nicotine and like suspensions, as well as the state laws and related penalties relating to minors using or possessing such products.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for establishing and periodically reviewing the District's guidelines for staff. An evidence-based prevention program, approved by the Superintendent, may be used for this purpose.

District Policy History:

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Legal References:

RSA 126-K:8, Youth Access to and Use of Tobacco Products, Special Provisions RSA 189:10, Studies RSA 189:11-d, Drug and Alcohol Education RSA 193-E:2-a, Substantive Educational Content of an Adequate Education Ed 306.40, (b)(2) a - Health Education Program.