TEACHING ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO

In accordance with state and federal law, Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) shall provide age-appropriate, developmentally based drugs, alcohol, and tobacco education and prevention programs kindergarten through grade 12.

The use of "tobacco" in this policy shall include the use of simulated tobacco products and nicotine delivery devices (e.g. vaping, the use of electronic cigarettes or inhalers).

The drugs, alcohol, and tobacco education program shall address the legal, social and health consequences of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use. It shall include special instruction as to the effects upon the human system in connection with the several divisions of the subject of physiology and hygiene, the physical, emotional, psychological and social dangers of such use with emphasis on nonuse, and the illegal aspects of such use. The program also shall include information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. The instructional materials used in this program shall be approved by the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education.

To the extent funds are available, each school is encouraged to operate and maintain an educational program to assist students in avoiding and discontinuing use of tobacco and tobacco related products. (See Policy ADC/JICG, Tobacco-Free Schools). It is permissible to use tobacco and/or tobacco related products on school property in classroom demonstrations to show the health hazards of tobacco.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C.1011i, Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986, as amended in 1989
C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(bb)
C.R.S. 25-14-103.5

CROSS REFS.: ADC-GBED, Tobacco-Free District
ADC-JICG, Tobacco-Free Schools
IHAM, Comprehensive Health Education
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Students