

DRUG & ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS

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The Seaford Board of Education believes that the school environment should be safe and healthful and should promote learning, physical and emotional growth, socialization, and individual development. It also believes that alcohol and/or drugs adversely affect these. Therefore, possession, use, and/or distribution of alcohol and/or unauthorized drugs, drug-like substances, look-alike substances, or drug paraphernalia shall be prohibited within the school environment.

Regulations, procedures, and programs will be developed:

1. To prevent drug and alcohol possession, distribution, or use in the Seaford school environment;
2. To promote activities which offer constructive and healthy avenues for student energies and interests;
3. To assist students to resist pressures to use chemical substances;
4. To encourage students with drug and alcohol use problems to seek voluntary treatment, counseling, and rehabilitation;
5. To meet problems of alcohol and drug use in the Seaford school environment in a forthright and positive manner through progressive and corrective disciplinary actions;
6. To provide the school staff with the necessary training so that they can effectively administer and enforce this policy.

The Board believes that the above programs will also have a significant and positive impact on student drug and alcohol use in the non-school environment. However, the Board also believes that drug and alcohol use is society's problem, and therefore it cannot be responsible for students' actions in the non-school environment.

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