

## AMHERST, MONT VERNON, and SOUHEGAN POLICY

### IHAMA - TEACHING ABOUT ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND TOBACCO

#### *Category P, Priority/Required by Law*

As part of the health education program for grades K – 12 as applicable, the District shall provide age and developmentally appropriate education based upon the needs of pupils 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 for prohibiting minors using or possessing such products. The Superintendent shall be responsible to establish and periodically review the District's guidelines for staff members providing such health education or education on such topics. An evidence-based prevention program, approved by the Superintendent, may be used for this purpose.

District personnel shall provide students, parents, and legal guardians with information and resources relative to 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 through the principal's office, school nurses' office, athletic program offices, guidance offices and other locations deemed appropriate by the principal in each school.

#### **Legal References:**

*RSA 189:10, Studies*

*RSA 189:11-d, Drug and Alcohol Education*

*Ed 306.40, (b)(2) a - Health Education Program.*

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