

SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION POLICY

Springfield Prep Charter School is committed to providing an alcohol-free, tobacco-free, and drug-free learning environment. In order to protect the health and safety of our school community, Springfield Prep Charter School prohibits student use or consumption of alcohol, tobacco products, or drugs on school property or at any school function. A student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use, possess, buy, sell, or give away the following: any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product, including vapor/E-cigarettes; marijuana; or any other controlled substances.

Additionally, any student who is under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages prior to, or during, school-sponsored activities will be barred from that activity and may be subject to disciplinary action.

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 71, section 96, this policy shall be posted on the Springfield Prep Charter School website and notice shall be provided to all students and parents of this policy in accordance with state law. Additionally, Springfield Prep Charter School shall file a copy of this policy with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in accordance with law in a manner requested by DESE.

TEACHING ABOUT ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND DRUGS

Springfield Prep Charter School understands that substance use prevention requires education. In accordance with state and federal law, Springfield Prep Charter School shall provide age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate, evidence-based alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention education programs. Such programs shall address the legal, social, and health consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use, with emphasis on nonuse by school-age children.

The curriculum, instructional materials, and outcomes used in this program shall be recommended by the School Nurse.

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This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the School Nurse, updated as needed, and reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.