

DRUG/ALCOHOL/TOBACCO EDUCATION

- WHEREAS, According to a 1989 drug survey, conducted by the Utah State Division of Substance Abuse, in cooperation with the Utah State Office of Education, since 1984 significant decreases have occurred among Utah students in the use of alcohol and drugs including: a 50% drop in marijuana use; and a downward trend in the use of amphetamines, barbiturates, tranquilizers, and cocaine; and
- WHEREAS, Despite these positive indicators, substance abuse among Utah's adolescents remains a formidable problem in as much as:
- 28% of Utah students in grades 5 and 6 have used alcohol; 11% have tried tobacco; and 5% have experimented with inhalants;
 - More than one-third of all students in grades 7-12 know someone who sells drugs;
 - The average age at which student drinkers first try alcohol is 13 years;
 - About 1% of Utah students in grades 7-12 consume alcohol on a daily basis; 20% of students reported having at least four best friends who use alcohol regularly and 10% had at least four best friends who have used marijuana;
 - 37% of Utah students admitted to riding in a vehicle driven by someone under the influence of alcohol;
 - When drinking beer, 28% of students said they consume six or more beers;
 - Although under legal age, 13% of student drinkers have purchased alcohol at a store; 20% of students in grades 7-12 identified a family member as having an alcohol problem, and 13% reported having a family member with a drug problem; and
- WHEREAS, Utah PTA has encouraged the teaching of substance abuse prevention education in Utah's schools since 1982; and
- WHEREAS, The Utah State Department of Education and the Utah Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse have developed "Utah Prevention Guidelines" for substance abuse prevention programs implemented in the educational system; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That substance abuse prevention programs implemented in the educational system meet the recommended standards and guidelines as established in the "Utah Prevention Guidelines"; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA continue to emphasize substance abuse prevention education as an integral part of the educational experience.

(Replaces Alcohol Education Resolution 1988)