

Ware Public Schools Educational Curriculum for Students about Drugs & Alcohol:

Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School:

Children in kindergarten through third grade are taught Second Step. This program educates students about problem solving and communication skills.

Ware Middle School:

Second Step is continued for students in grades 4 & 5. This program reviews the importance of social skills and problem solving, while expanding the student's knowledge around peer pressure, and impulse control. Students in 6th grade are taught a program called All-Stars, which focuses on prevention of substance use and violence.

The 6th grade will be introduced to a new screening in our school that will help student's make healthy choices. This screening program is related to the use of alcohol, marijuana and other substances. The goal of this program is to reinforce healthy decisions and to assist students in obtaining support if needed for substance use related problems.

The Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) program screening process will be incorporated into our annual state mandated screenings. The screenings will be conducted by our school nurse confidentially in private one-on-one sessions. The CRAFFT screening tool, (see Appendix A) which is the most commonly used substance use screening tool for adolescents in Massachusetts will be used. Parents will have the right to opt-out of this screening. Please see Appendix B for parent letter.

Ware JR/SR High School:

Students in grade 7 will review and continue safe decision making about tobacco, drinking and drugs.

Students in grade 9 will be educated about decision making and healthy relationships.