

Student Drug Use WARNING SIGNS

- Sudden drop or gradual lowering in grades and achievement levels (reasons unclear).
- Academic failure (sudden).
- Skips classes or entire days.
- Drops out of sports and other extra-curricular activities.
- Disrespect/defiance toward teachers, rules and regulations.
- Present in classroom but inattentive.
- Frequent visits to nurse for various minor complaints.
- Burns on hands, clothing.
- Increase in disciplinary actions.
- Sleeps in class.
- Wanders in hallways or school grounds.
- Frequent trips to the bathroom.
- Uses phone excessively.
- Writes drug slang and phrases on school notebooks.
- Lack of response towards concerns expressed by teachers or guidance counselor.

RESPONDING TO THE SIGNS

- Don't ignore the signs and think things will get better by themselves.
- Don't be afraid to talk to the student:
 - Is there something wrong?
 - Do you need someone to talk to?
 - I notice some changes in you.
- Set your limits (Do Not over react).
- If a student denies a problem, go to the school resource staff/Care Team with your concerns.
- If the student admits to a problem – ask if he/she would be willing to talk to someone, and then refer him/her to the school resource staff.
- Don't condemn, judge or criticize.