

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DRUG FREE OFFICE
COMPREHENSIVE OVERALL PREVENTION PROGRAM
FOR SCHOOLS
Based on the Safe and Drug Free Schools'
PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVENESS



The U.S. Department of Education has announced that the four (4) Principles of Effectiveness will govern recipients' use of fiscal year 1998 and future years' funds received under Title IV-State and local programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act – the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA) State Grants Program. The Principles of Effectiveness became effective on July 1, 1998.

Using the Principles of Effectiveness, the mission statement of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Schools Office, and your school mission, write your 2 year overall education plan for violence, alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention by answering these questions (keep it simple!):

1. **Principle of Effectiveness:** a grant recipient (the school) shall base its program on a thorough assessment of objective data about the drug and violence problems in the school/community served.

a.) *Our school's objective data source is...*

2. **Principle of Effectiveness:** a grant recipient (the school) shall design and implement its activities based on research or evaluation that provides evidence that the strategies used prevent or reduce drug use, violence or disruptive behavior.

b.) *Our school's prevention goal for 2008-2010 is (not all activities need to be funded by the school's drug free money...include all in this statement)...*

c.) *Our school will use the following research-based prevention curricula...*

d.) *The curricula will be supported by the following speakers and/or workshops and/or celebrations and/or performers....*

3. **Principle of Effectiveness:** A grant recipient shall, with the assistance of a local or regional advisory council, which includes community representatives, establish a set of measurable goals and objectives, and design its activities to meet those goals and objectives.

This task is the job of the Catholic Schools Drug Free Office Advisory Council and schools do not need to have their own councils.

4. **Principle of Effectiveness:** a grant recipient shall evaluate its program periodically to assess its progress toward achieving its goals and objectives and use its evaluation results to refine, improve, and strengthen its program and to refine its goals and objectives as appropriate.

This task is ideally performed at the school level when planning for the next school year. However, the Catholic Schools Drug Free Office performs a yearly evaluation that satisfies this mandate, at least at this time.

Schools in the Catholic Schools Drug Free Office *consortium* should complete this questionnaire and send it by mail to Linda Thompson, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Catholic School Government Programs Office, 100 East Eighth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. This form is available online at www.catholiccincinnati.org/schools under Government Programs/Drug Free Office in the Title IV forms section

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