NEW: CANNABIS EDUCATION PROGRAM – (MN Statutes 120B.215)

SCHOOL PROGRAMS MUST BEGIN IN 2026 -2027 SCHOOL YEAR

- Schools must implement a comprehensive education program on cannabis use and substance use, (including the use of fentanyl) for students in middle and high school. Must address:
  - The physical and mental health effects of cannabis use by children including effects on developing brains
  - Unsafe or unhealthy behaviors associated with cannabis and substance use
  - Signs of substance use disorders
  - Treatment options
  - Healthy coping strategies for children and adolescents

Must:

- Respect community values and encourage communication between students and parents / trusted adults about substance use
- Refer students to local resources to get medically accurate information about substance use
- Include a plan to develop, implement, or improve instruction and curriculum on these topics

MODEL PROGRAM LIST FROM MDE – AVAILABLE JUNE 2025

- MDE will provide a list of model programs to be used to education middle and high school students on the health effects on children and adolescents of cannabis use and substance abuse (including fentanyl and beyond) consistent with local health academic standards.

PARENTAL REVIEW

- Schools must establish a procedure for a parent, guardian, or 18-year-old student to review the content of the instructional materials.
- Schools must inform and allow parents or adult students to opt out with no penalty.

YOUTH COUNCIL

- Schools may establish youth councils in which student members receive education and training on substance use and provide peer-to-peer education on these topics.

EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR