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D.A.R.E. Program



What is D.A.R.E.?

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D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It is a drug abuse prevention education program designed to equip elementary, middle and high school children with knowledge about drug abuse, the consequences of abuse, and skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Based on the premise that prevention is the only long-term answer to drug abuse, the program includes all 50 states and 53 countries. The D.A.R.E. program is taught in over 75% of the nation's school districts, creating a positive atmosphere for students to interact with law enforcement.

This unique program uses specially trained uniformed law enforcement officers to teach a formal curriculum to students in a classroom setting, and the reinforce program concepts and ideals in an informal setting outside the classroom. Community Oriented Policing has become a mainstay in law enforcement with the realization that reducing crime and improving quality of life must be an effort on the part of the entire community. There is no better example of the community policing effort than D.A.R.E. Officers serving as positive role models changing perceptions and attitudes, embracing community resources, dispelling misinformation and helping kids make healthy choices. These are all positive aspects of this pro-active approach to law enforcement.

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