A RESPONSIBLE STUDENT’S APPROACH TO
PROBLEM SOLVING AND DECISION MAKING

NO CHANGES from previously approved curriculum

Directions: Read the following scenario. Apply the problem solving approach and criteria for responsible decision making to this situation.

You and your date go to a party given by some students you do not know well. When you get to the party, you learn that there are a variety of drugs such as alcohol, marijuana, and cocaine available. You know your parents would prefer that you not attend parties with these drugs. Your date says, “As long as we don’t use drugs, what harm is there in staying?”

1. Identify the problem.

2. Identify ways to deal with the problem.

3. Apply criteria for responsible decision making to each alternative.

4. What are the possible consequences of each alternative?

5. Make a responsible decision and act upon it.

6. Evaluate actions.