

SADD'S MISSION

TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE BEST PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION TOOLS POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES OF UNDERAGE DRINKING, DRUNK DRIVING, DRUG USE, AND OTHER DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS.

Another part of SADD mission is to reach students participating in athletics. Student Athletes Detest Drugs reaches student athletes with activities that encourage students to follow the example of their athletic peers. It uses outstanding adult, professional and amateur athletic role models who are responsible motorists and who make responsible life choices.

SADD is dedicated to:

- A **NO USE** message regarding underage drinking, illegal drugs, and use of tobacco products.
- The elimination of death due to drinking and driving.
- Addressing “destructive decisions” related to alcohol and other drugs, violence, tobacco, teen pregnancy, etc.

PHILOSOPHY

SADD was the first student based activist organization dealing with underage drinking, drug use and death due to drinking and driving. The cornerstone of SADD's philosophy is student empowerment. SADD's philosophy is simple: **If the problem lies with teenagers... the solution lies with teenagers.**

Teens are taken seriously and their opinions count as members of SADD. They are reminded that they are the future. Members of SADD know that they are the ones that will lead our country into the next century. The message SADD teaches prepares them well for this challenge. SADD opposes alcohol and drug use – not the substance abusers themselves. The SADD message is one of caring not judging. SADD wants to reach all students, families and communities with their healthy lifestyle message.

SADD promotes a clear “No Use” message regarding underage drinking. SADD believes you can not speak of responsible drinking to underage individuals because there is no such thing as responsible illegal drinking. The SADD “Contract for Life” encourages all young people to adopt a substance free lifestyle.

SADD'S POSITION ON...

SADD's Stand on Alcohol and other Drug Use

The SADD "Contract for Life" begins with the following clause:

"By agreeing to this contract, we recognize that SADD encourages all young people to adopt a substance-free life style. We view this contract as a means of opening the lines of communication about drinking, drug use and traffic safety to ensure the safety of all parties concerned. We understand that this contract does not serve as permission to drink, but rather, a promise to be safe."

SADD opposes alcohol and other drug use – not substance abusers themselves. This is an important distinction. Students who are at high risk for alcohol and other drug use often suffer from feelings of poor self-esteem and alienation. We understand that SADD members cannot reach these students by acting judgmental or superior to them.

Thus, the SADD message is one of caring – not judging... inclusion not exclusion. The SADD philosophy is one of empowerment and responsibility.

Students are taking a risk with their peers when they reject illegal drinking so we must support those who make that decision and help them provide positive peer pressure for those students who are not yet ready to make that choice.

SADD promotes caring not only among its members but also among families, schools, and communities. We call on students to use the power they have to fight substance abuse and we help them to make responsible choices.

There is no such thing as responsible illegal drinking. SADD unequivocally promotes a **NO-USE** message with regard to underage drinking and illegal drug use.

SADD POLICIES

Policy #1 SADD groups do not sponsor Safe Ride programs or Designated Driver programs. There is enabling behavior at issue here as well as misuse of the acknowledgment that “teens drink.” This does not mean that a student who is a SADD member can’t serve as a sober driver if they unexpectedly find their peers in a dangerous situation as an individual. But they are not acceptable group projects under the SADD banner.

(Caution: Do not let yourself be “used” by your so-called “friends” as a designated driver. You then become an accomplice in a planned drinking situation that is a premeditated illegal activity.)

Policy #2 The SADD Contract for Life is not meant to be used as a membership tool. It is designed to be a communication tool to stimulate dialogue between parent and teenager around the issue of drinking and drinking/driving, to clarify expectations and to encourage family standard setting. It is considered a family document.

Policy #3 USE OF SADD LOGO – SADD and all SADD logos are registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and other jurisdictions. SADD, INC. a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, reserves all rights. Copying SADD material is prohibited without written permission.

The SADD logo is not allowed to be used in conjunction with trademarks of any alcohol or tobacco industry, including but not limited to distributors, bars, and liquor stores.

Students Against Destructive Decisions, Students Against Driving Drunk, Student Athletes Detest Drugs, and SADD, is a trademark. Use of this name must be done in agreement with the National Organization.

Policy #4 On Fundraising – Organizations using the SADD name are prohibited from sponsoring fundraising events in conjunction with any member of the alcohol or tobacco industry, i.e. distributors, bars, liquor stores.

DUTIES OF SADD CLUB OFFICERS

These are suggested duties for you to use as a guideline. You may want to have additional officers to lighten the load. Officers may be asked to resign if they miss several meetings, leave meetings before they are adjourned or do not do their duties.

President:

1. Has a full agenda for every meeting
2. Gives advisor written agenda the day before all meetings
3. Conducts meetings following parliamentary procedure
4. Initiates and follows-up on all activities
5. Runs officers' meeting
6. Sets up committees and checks on progress of committees
7. If unable to attend meeting, will notify the advisor and other officers

Other Officers:

1. Has a full agenda for meeting (in case president is absent)
2. Conducts the meetings when president is absent
3. Completes duties assigned by the president
4. Responsible for attendance list and new member forms
5. Acts as sergeant-at-arms at meeting (keeps people quiet)
6. Writes P.A. announcements for meetings and other activities
7. Responsible for SADD display board
8. Keep accurate minutes of every meeting
9. Must be able to type or use Microsoft Word
10. Writes all SADD thank-you notes within one week of the activity and organizes the file frequently
11. Responsible for all written correspondence
12. Poster Chairperson (keep SADD posters around school)
13. Sends reminders to members who volunteer for activities
14. Within 4 days of a meeting, gives other officers and Advisor a typed copy of the minutes
15. Keep accurate financial records of SADD monies
16. Must attend all fundraising activities and count the money
17. Deposits money in the office and writes check requests
18. Organizes committees concerning fund raising
19. Collects all money turned in by SADD members
20. Gives treasurer's report at every meeting

How to Records the Minutes of the Meetings

Minutes provide the organization with a written history of the club. It helps the club stay on target and keep from repeating old business. Minutes provide a record of who volunteers for what tasks, what projects the club wants to plan and carry out, a regular update of the treasurer's report, and a record of issues the club is involved in. In short, minutes hold all members accountable to the organization.

Before each meeting, the secretary should receive an agenda. This is your guide during the meeting. The agenda can help the club stay on task. The agenda can assist the secretary in taking minutes.

So how does the secretary of the organization take effective minutes? Here are a few helpful tips:

1. Record the date and meeting place
2. Record the names of all present. You can send an attendance sheet around for people to sign.
3. You do not need to write down every word said. Record who is making an important point and paraphrase what is being said. Always make sure you record any decision. For Example: John suggested the club have a car wash in a month. Discussion followed. Hannah volunteered to locate a business and come back to the next meeting with a date of the car wash. Jack asked that the car wash not be held on October 12 due to the Homecoming Dance.
4. If committees make reports, request that a written report be given to you.
5. Sign your minutes – respectfully submitted by (your signature)

SADD OFFICER PLEDGE

I, _____, accept the office of _____ in the Dothan High School SADD Chapter. I understand that my behavior demonstrates to others the mission and philosophy of SADD. Therefore, I pledge to conduct myself in a manner that upholds the philosophy, mission, and policies of SADD. I pledge to abstain from alcohol and other drugs at all times, never to accept a ride from someone who has been drinking and to promote a substance-free lifestyle.

SIGNATURE

DATE

WHAT IS EVERYONE ELSE SUPPOSED TO DO?

There are several committees for each member of SADD to belong. Each committee will consist of a chairman and at least three committee members. The committee will work together as a team and keep the club working at its maximum potential. Below is a list of the committees offered by the Dothan High School SADD Chapter.

Membership Committee:

The Secretary will be the Chairperson for this committee. The membership committee is responsible for recruiting members, and helps the secretary keep a log of current member's names and phone numbers. The membership committee plans activities that will interest students who do not usually get involved in school activities.

Communication Committee:

The Treasurer will be the Chairperson for this committee. The communication committee is responsible for alerting all members to events and meetings. This committee will also create a phone tree of member's names so they may be alerted through text messaging. If a member does not know about an activity, it is the fault of this committee.

Public Relations Committee:

The President will be the chairperson for this committee. The public relations committees help broadcast all club events. They are responsible for contacting the media to publicize an event. This committee helps hang posters to announce meetings, and also promote the club through positive words.

Community Service Project Committee:

The Chairperson of this committee will be the Vice – President. This committee is responsible for planning community service events. This committee searches for local events throughout the year and contacts the organization to see if they need volunteers. This committee is responsible for sign-up sheets at every event and making sure those sheets are turned in to the advisor.

Website Committee:

This Committee is responsible for maintain the club website. This committee must communicate with the chairperson from the other committees to get information for the website. The website must be updated every week with current information. These students need to have some understanding of how to use a computer. These students will have to be trained on the website creation program before they can begin working on the website.

Scrapbooking Committee:

This committee is responsible for creating our scrapbook for the year. These students must take pictures at events and decide which photos make it into the scrapbook. The scrapbook must be completed before the annual banquet at the end of the school year.

Presidential Volunteer Service Award

Members earn community service hours for being an active member in the SADD chapter. Members must sign their name on the sign-in sheet for every event in order for their hours to be recorded. Hours are recorded at the end of every event onto an excel document by the advisor. Members may check their hours at any time by asking the advisor. Members also need to keep a record of their own club activity by completing the activity log at the back of the handbook.

Members who work very hard and participate in activities have an opportunity to win a Presidential Volunteer Service Award at the end of the school year. Awards are earned by the total number of hours received during an academic school year. The hours start over on the first day of school each year. So a member's hours will not carry over from year to year.

Here are the award categories:

14 Year Old Students

- 50+ Bronze Medal
- 75+ Silver Medal
- 100+ Gold Medal

15 Years Old Students and Older

- 100+ Bronze Medal
- 175+ Silver Medal
- 250+ Gold Medal

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