

The Signs, The Symptoms, The Science

Overview

- No-cost science-based drug prevention units
- 6th-8th grade unit and 9th-12th grade unit
- Designed to be used by science or health teachers **in-person or virtually**
- Length depends on depth and duration of discussion, about 5-7 class periods. Units do not have to be taught all at once—they can be spread across several weeks
- Aligned to NGSS, NHESA, and CCSS.ELA-LITERACY National Standards

Topics Covered

- Rewards and your brain
- Types of drugs (Opioids, Benzodiazepines, Stimulants, Marijuana, Vaping, Fentanyl)
- Addiction and your brain
- Conclusion & Final Project

Materials Included

All curriculum material is all available at no-cost through Google Drive.

Middle School Science and **High School Science** lesson plans, available for download by individual module or as PPT/PDF files of all material, composed of:

- **Slides:** Designed to guide the class discussions and student interaction with teaching notes at the bottom of each slide
- **Classroom Educator Guide:** Step-by-step instructions on how to use the content included as well as the national teaching standards met by each unit
- **Student Activities:** Worksheets, activities, and readings corresponding to each topic

Accessory Files:

- **Surveys:** Pre- and Post- survey evaluations to determine the effectiveness of the material.
- **Scientific Background for Educators:** Background material with in-depth information on topics and drug classes covered in the material
- **Parent Toolkit:** Information to be distributed to parents informing them on the topics covered and important facts of drug abuse in San Diego County
- **Poster:** Information for students with where to go for help or more information
- **National Standards:** Outlines the material's alignment to national standards

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