

D.A.R.E. Program Essay

I have learned SO many things that will change my life forever. Although it has been the highlight of my week at school, I have learned that this program has been very influential and has taught me more than I would have ever known. Now, I will not be pressured and know that bad choices will affect my future.

I have learned to fight off peer pressure, and say no to tobacco, marijuana, and alcohol. I sometimes wondered if I would be a coward and do drugs, but now I am confident in my answer which is an absolute NO. I will always remember my decision making model - Define Assess Respond Evaluate. D.A.R.E. has made a huge impact in my life by making me a confident person. I do not want to destroy the body God gave to me because that would make him upset. I don't think users actually realize what a horrible affect drugs could have on them and their family. Sure, we all have to have Guidance class when we're young, but how many people will live out all the bad situations with awful consequences? One of my greatest fears is users. I would NEVER want to become my worst nightmare. This program has taught me that there is no doubt in my mind that I will never become a user.

I will never try to influence anyone to do wrong especially by using drugs. Even TV ads persuade non-users to want to buy their products and possibly become addicted. If I was old enough I would have a protest against drugs being legal. When I have the choice, because of this program, I will never be a user. Instead, I will teach students as a vocation to be drug-free and strive to have a great future. I care about my life and want to make good healthy decisions, so, therefore, I pledge that I am drug- free.

I pledge never to hurt or influence myself or others to be users. I will avoid peer pressure and drugs and try my best to prevent others from ruining my happiness. I am and will continue to be drug- free.