



## Sample Morning Announcement Script

Hello, students:

(Each day, read one of the following stats and then read the following paragraphs below.)

**Day 1 stat:** Did you know that 74,000 Americans died in 2017 of a drug overdose?

**Day 2 stat:** Did you know that more people die each year from drug overdose than from car crashes or guns?

**Day 3 stat:** Did you know that prescription drug abuse can lead to heroin abuse?

**Day 4 stat:** Did you know that 53% of people who abuse prescription drugs get them from friends and family?

**Day 5 stat:** Did you know that 12-17 year olds abuse prescription drugs more than ecstasy, heroin, crack/cocaine and methamphetamines combined?

Prescription drugs, when used as prescribed, can improve your health, but if taken improperly can be very dangerous.

Prescription and store bought drugs should only be taken with permission and supervision of your doctor, parent, or guardian. NEVER take or accept any medication from a friend or student at school. If you are taking a prescription, NEVER give that medication to someone else – it could potentially be deadly.

This week, we will discuss this important topic and ask every student to take a stand against drug abuse. Students should engage their parents by taking home the Lock Your Meds® pledge, discussing it with their parents and telling them what they have learned.

Also, students and parents can learn more about this issue by visiting [www.informedfamilies.org/lym](http://www.informedfamilies.org/lym).