

USE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Background

The District is cognizant of the safety concerns, health risks and social problems associated with the misuse of alcohol and other addictive and/or hallucinogenic substances (drugs). The District therefore supports:

- Programs of instruction which increase awareness of the risks and dangers associated with the misuse of alcohol and drugs.
- Programs of instruction which discourage the misuse of alcohol and drugs.
- Cooperative efforts involving the District, families and community/governmental agencies with respect to the provision of counseling and/or rehabilitative services for those who misuse alcohol and drugs.

In accordance with the concerns identified above, the District prohibits the following practices and activities on District property, in District-owned facilities, in facilities leased by the District on a long-term basis, in District-owned/leased vehicles, and at District-authorized student activities:

- Possession of alcohol in any form which is intended for consumption.
- Consumption of alcohol, with the exception of ceremonial consumption by adults, as enabled by Administrative Procedure 260 – Field Trips.
- Possession and/or use of controlled substances.
- Inappropriate use of prescription and non-prescription medication.

Further, the District prohibits persons under the influence of the above substances from being present on District-owned property, in District-owned facilities, in facilities leased by the District on a long-term basis, in District-owned/leased vehicles, and from participating in District-authorized student activities.

Procedures

1. The Principal of each school, in consultation with staff, parents and students, shall develop a school procedure addressing the use of alcohol, restricted and illicit drugs on school property or during school activities.
2. Where a student's behaviour indicates the possibility of alcohol and/or drug use/abuse, the Principal shall advise the parents/guardians of such behaviour and shall endeavour to enlist their support in responding appropriately to the behaviour and its cause(s).

3. Suspected possession of alcohol and/or illicit drugs on District property or at District-authorized student activities shall be referred to the Principal and/or law enforcement agencies.
4. The Principal shall suspend immediately and report to the police any student caught distributing drugs within the school.
5. The Principal shall report to the police any incident of an individual who is not a student, distributing drugs on or near school property.
6. Health-related programs of instruction shall incorporate age-appropriate instruction on the risks and dangers associated with the misuse of alcohol and drugs.

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Reference: Section 18, 20, 60, 61, 96, 113, 117 School Act