

USE OF ALCOHOL, CANNABIS OR RESTRICTED AND ILLICIT DRUGS

Background

The possession and/or use of alcohol, cannabis, or other restricted and illicit drugs, and devices contributing to their use in schools, on school property or during school-related activities-are prohibited.

The use of alcohol or cannabis, and the misuse of drugs and intoxicants have a negative effect on a student's capacity to learn. In addition, it can also have a negative impact on the overall school climate.

Procedures

1. Schools shall ensure that the educational programs include components designed to increase students' knowledge of the facts relating to controlled substances, cannabis, and alcohol.
2. All cases of possession and/or use of controlled substances, cannabis, or alcohol, on school premises, shall result in the application of standard student suspension procedures.
3. School officials will cooperate with law enforcement agencies in surveillance of the trafficking or use of controlled substances on school premises.
4. Staff members/supervisors observing students suspected of possession or use of controlled substances shall document the findings and report the incident to the Principal/designate.
5. Subsequent to meeting the student's immediate needs (medical attention, legal guidance, parent contact), remedial assistance should be sought for the student by the family and the counsellor or appropriate staff member through Alberta Health Services.

References: Section 11, 31, 36, 37, 53, Education Act

Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts

Administrative Procedure 350 – Student Discipline Framework

Administrative Procedure 356 – Interrogation and Searches

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