

FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION

TITLE - **DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS**

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The term "drug" in this document implies "mind-altering substances including alcohol". While nicotine is recognised as a drug the use of tobacco products is not included in this policy, but is dealt with under policy ADC and JIC preceding.

The consumption or possession of alcohol or other drugs while the student is under the direct authority of Division administrators either at school, on an approved school related event and/or while in approved transportation to or from any such location(s) is strictly prohibited. Furthermore, this policy will apply equally to all students in attendance at school approved events as either participants or as spectators.

Should it be established that a student is under the influence or in possession of a drug at school, on the playground or in a school bus, the parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified and instructed to remove the student from the premises for the balance of the day. Should such a misdemeanor occur at any hour of the day during a school-sponsored activity either on or off the school premises, parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified, and the student(s) may be returned home at once in the company of a either a parent, guardian or other designated adult. Under no circumstance is the student to be released either under his own recognizance or that of his peers.

Notwithstanding the following item the school authorities may, when seeking to establish whether or not the student is under the influence or in possession of a drug, decide to include the RCMP in their investigation of the circumstances. If it is established to the satisfaction of the school authorities that, in any of the above circumstances, a student was under the influence or in possession of a drug, the student will be suspended from classes for a period of up to five (5) days.

A report, including the name(s) of the student(s) involved will be made to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the following instances:

- the offence outlined above is repeated a second time
- the offender becomes physically destructive or presents a threat to anyone, including himself
- the offender is deemed to be trafficking, providing others with a drug(s) or in possession of a drug(s) or paraphernalia

All instances involving drugs will be reported to the Superintendent of Schools within twenty-four (24) hours. Depending upon the nature or frequency of the offence, it may be recommended that the guilty student be expelled. Alternative measures such as a restorative justice circle may be enacted.

This policy will be in effect throughout the normal school day and for the duration of all school-sponsored activities.

