

## DRUGS / ALCOHOL / ADDICTION

### Background

The Division is committed to promoting the health and well-being of all students and creating a learning environment where all feel safe and cared for. Cannabis, alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and gambling are addictive and harmful to the school community and threaten the health and well-being of students. The Division acknowledges that creating a healthy environment for the school community is everyone's responsibility.

The Division supports the following preventative approaches in striving for a drug free environment in our schools.

### Procedures

1. The possession, use and trafficking of prohibited substances shall not be tolerated on school property and within the immediate site of the school. This includes other locations while a student is involved as a participant or spectator or while in transport to and from school on a school sponsored activity.
2. Section 151 (2) of the Education Act indicates accountability of the student to the Principal while under the school's supervision, including the time spent in traveling between the school and the student's place of residence.
3. When any student is found on school property or participating in school sponsored functions:
  - 3.1 Under the influence of cannabis, alcohol or illegal drugs, or
  - 3.2 In possession of cannabis, alcohol or illegal drugs whether for their own use or for the purpose of trafficking, the Principal shall:
    - 3.2.1 Consult with police and/or medical help as necessary.
    - 3.2.2 Immediately notify the parents/guardians.
    - 3.2.3 Ensure that the student is returned safely to parents/guardians.
    - 3.2.4 Suspend the student from school. Further investigation by the Director may be conducted.
4. Criminal Court Conviction
  - 4.1 Students convicted in criminal court of drug possession or trafficking charges may only be re-admitted to school after an interview between the Principal, the

- parents or guardians, officer of the court, and the student has been held before the Board.
- 4.2 Repetition of the above by the same student shall be considered grounds to move toward immediate expulsion from the school.
  - 4.3 No non resident student under expulsion from another school or school system for conviction (as above) shall be accepted in any school in the Division for the balance of the school term.
5. The Principal shall report to the police all incidents where there is evidence of individuals using or trafficking in illicit drugs on or adjacent to school property.
  6. The Division will encourage the development and implementation of programs related to cannabis, alcohol, drugs and addiction.
    - 6.1 The Division will provide resources to address cannabis, alcohol and drug/addiction issues.
    - 6.2 The Division will work cooperatively with students, parents and others toward resolving the issues of cannabis, alcohol and drug abuse for students through:
      - 6.2.1 Prevention through education.
      - 6.2.2 Appropriate actions in response to cannabis, alcohol and drug related incidents.
      - 6.2.3 Consultation and rehabilitation through referral and partnership with appropriate community agencies.

Reference: Sections 85, 87, 110, 148, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 175, 189, 231 Education Act  
The School Division Administration Regulations 45  
Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters

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