

Administrative Procedures

AP-427 ALCOHOL, CANNABIS AND ILLICIT DRUGS	Date of implementation: Fall 2018
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	Related Administrative Procedures: AP-409 Student Discipline AP-410 Safety AP-426 Search by School Authorities

Purpose: The Division is committed to ensuring safe and healthy schools for all. This procedure is intended to guide school staffs with alcohol and drug related issues as they work to ensure safe and healthy learning environments for all.

Procedure: Prevention, Intervention and Discipline around Alcohol, Cannabis, and Illicit Drugs

1) Prevention

- a) Schools are encouraged to educate students with current resources about healthy choices with respect to alcohol and drug usage.
- b) Schools are encouraged to share expectations and procedures related to alcohol, cannabis, and illicit drug use with the students and the school community.
- c) Schools are encouraged to work with their school community to create and communicate expectations around paraphernalia (pipes, vapes, flasks, symbolism, etc.). Schools are supported to discourage students from bringing, wearing or displaying paraphernalia on school grounds. Schools are supported to confiscate paraphernalia (in a manner in keeping with AP-426 Search by School Authorities). Schools are supported to allow parents/guardians to retrieve confiscated paraphernalia from the school office.

2) Use and Possession

- a) When a student is suspected and/or found to be under the influence of and/or in possession of alcohol, cannabis, solvents, intoxicants, restricted and/or controlled drugs (for which no prescription exists), or narcotics within a school, on school division property, or during activities sponsored or approved by the Division, the principal or designate shall:
 - i) Determine if medical attention is necessary for the student(s) and call 9-1-1 if in doubt.
 - ii) Attempt to confiscate the substance in an appropriate and lawful manner and in keeping with AP-426 Search by School Authorities.
 - iii) Contact the parent or guardian of the student found to be in possession and/or under the influence of the substance.
 - iv) Arrange for appropriate release and/or transportation of the student if under the influence, and/or suspend the student in accordance with AP-409 Discipline.

- v) Dispose of or provide to the police for disposal and/or identification any confiscated illegal, controlled or restricted narcotics and or substances of uncertain nature.
- vi) Students found to be in possession and/or under the influence of substances listed in 2(a) may be reported to the legal authority whereby appropriate fines, charges or penalties may be levied.
- vii) Schools are encouraged to offer to connect students found to be using and/or in possession to appropriate supports and services as part of a supportive restitution process.

3) Selling, Distributing, Trafficking

- a) Students found to be selling, distributing, and/trafficking substances listed in 2(a) will be reported to the legal authority whereby appropriate fines, charges, or penalties may be levied.
- b) Any student caught and/or convicted of selling, distributing and/or trafficking substances listed in 2(a) within a school, on school division property, or during activities sponsored or approved by the Division, will be disciplined after consultation with the Director of Education or designate in accordance with AP-409 Discipline.

4) Supports for Students

- a) Any student who has a drug or alcohol problem and confides in a teacher, principal or counselor for the purpose of receiving assistance in overcoming the problem is to be directed to appropriate programs and services for assistance.
- b) The principal and staff are to cooperate fully with parents, community agencies and law enforcement agencies in their attempts to solve problems associated with drug and alcohol usage.

References

[The Cannabis Control \(Saskatchewan\) Act](#)

[Education Act, 1995](#), Sections 85, 87, 152, 153, 154, 155, 175