



Procedure Name: Student Use of Alcohol, Cannabis or Other Drugs			
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Background

The division has an educational and societal responsibility to prohibit the student use or possession of alcohol or drugs on school premises, at other locations while involved as a participant or spectator in a school-sponsored activity, or while in transport to and from school or a school-sponsored activity. The division prohibits the use of alcohol or drugs by students while on division property or at events sponsored by the division and its schools. The possession of these substances, with the exception of tobacco and tobacco/nicotine related products, is also prohibited. (Note: While students 18 years of age may legally possess tobacco and tobacco/nicotine related products, this provision recognizes that it is the board of education's legal right to prohibit or restrict its use on school property or at school-sponsored events.)

Violations can occur in five ways:

- Use of tobacco and tobacco/nicotine related products in a restricted area,
- Use or possession of alcohol,
- Use or possession of inhalants or other non-regulated substances for the purpose of intoxication,
- Use or possession of illicit drugs,
- Being intoxicated by alcohol or drugs.

Educational programs focusing on healthy lifestyles shall be taught to students in order to discourage the use of alcohol, cannabis and other drugs. Every effort must be made to establish school environments that are alcohol, cannabis/drug free. Co-operation with families and community agencies shall be sought when students are experiencing problems related to alcohol, cannabis and other drugs.

Definitions

Under the Influence: when the use of an alcoholic beverage or illegal drug has a discernible effect upon a student

Possession (Drugs/Alcohol): when a student has illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages on his or her person or in her or his control.

Possession (Nicotine): students under the age of 18 having cigarettes or other tobacco/nicotine related products under their control.

Trafficking: when a student gives, sells, or delivers cigarettes or other tobacco/nicotine related products to students under the age of 18



Trafficking in drugs and supplying alcohol: when a student gives, sells or delivers alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs to another student.

Scope

This procedure applies to all students attending Living Sky School Division schools

Procedures

1. The school is to cooperate with parents/guardians, community agencies, and law enforcement agencies in their attempts to address problems associated with alcohol, cannabis and other drug use. Such cooperation may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Referral to drug awareness programs;
 - b. Referral to various counseling agencies, services and/or personnel, or
 - c. Referral or enrolment in various support or rehabilitation programs.
2. Students who choose to disclose any alcohol or other drug related problem to a staff member will be directed to an agency or program to help them address the issue. There is a responsibility for staff members to inform the principal of the disclosure so the individual can be so directed.
3. In the event that medically prescribed cannabis must be administered at school, the principal will ensure that Procedure 4.28 Administering of Medications and Medical Treatment to Students is adhered to. In all cases, Form 4.28A Administration of Medication Letter to Physician must be completed by the principal and the health care practitioner.
4. Notwithstanding section 3, cannabis is not to be smoked and/or ingested on school property.
5. To safeguard the student and others with whom the student may interact, the principal will attempt to contact the parent or guardian of any student the principal has reasonable grounds to consider being under the influence of alcohol, cannabis or other drugs, and to arrange for that student to be safely removed from the premises. The student may be dealt with in accordance with Procedure 4.15 Student Discipline and 4.20 Searches by School Authorities or Police in Schools. The principal should consider an alternative to suspension, such as a substance abuse education program/component.
6. Any student who is in possession of, distributes, sells or supplies alcohol, cannabis or other drugs on school premises, school buses or at any school-approved activity that is listed as unlawful under any statute or regulation, may be dealt with in accordance with Procedure 4.15 Student Discipline and 4.20 Searches by School Authorities or Police in Schools.

Related

4.15 Student Discipline

4.20 Searches by School Authorities or Police in Schools

4.28 Administering Medications and Medical Treatment to Students

4.28A Administration of Medication Letter to Physician

Student Use of Alcohol, Cannabis or Other Drugs Protocol (*internal document*)

Suspension Protocol (*internal document*)