

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Background

There are many health and safety concerns associated with the misuse of alcohol and drugs. Possession and/or use of alcohol (unless authorized under section 2.1 of this administrative procedure) or illicit drugs on school property and at authorized student activities is prohibited. Persons under the influence of alcohol (unless authorized under section 2.1 of this administrative procedure), or illicit drugs are prohibited from being on school property or participating in school or student-related activities. Please also refer to AP162 – *Smoke Free Environment*.

The Superintendent is responsible for the administration of this administrative procedure.

Procedures

1. Student Related Activities

- 1.1 Possession, selling, consuming, using or being under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, non-prescription drug (in excess of standard recommended dosage) or possession of illegal substances on school property or at authorized student activities shall be referred to the Principal and/or police.
- 1.2 Consuming, using, or being under the influence of a prescription drug without or in excess of a prescription, and in the case of medical cannabis, without being authorized to do so under or in excess of the federal Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations, shall be referred to the Principal and/or police.
- 1.3 Staff shall co-operate with law enforcement agencies in matters related to the possession and/or trafficking of controlled substances on school property or at authorized student activities. Staff co-operation shall be in accordance with appropriate statutes and in compliance with “in loco parentis”.
- 1.4 Students and staff who contravene this administrative procedure shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion / termination of employment.
- 1.5 Individuals who contravene this administrative procedure will be connected with school and district based supports and those that are available through external agencies.
- 1.6 Instruction on the dangers associated with the use of alcohol and drugs and which discourages the use of alcohol and improper use of prescription and non-prescription drugs, shall be provided to every student through the health curriculum as well as programs that are based both on mental health and drug awareness. Schools should ensure health instruction is provided according to the *Guide to Education, Alberta Education*.

2. Non-student Related Activities

2.1 The consumption of alcohol and cannabis at functions approved pursuant to Administrative Procedure 547 – Use of School Facilities is permissible subject to the following conditions:

- 2.1.1 The appropriate licensing and permit requirements must be in place.
- 2.1.2 The user group must carry appropriate liability insurance coverage.
- 2.1.3 The consumption of alcohol and cannabis at such activities will not take place any time in which students are present at the school.

Reference: Relevant Legislation & Regulations