

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, the Assistant Superintendent Employee Services 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, the Assistant Superintendent Employee Services 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”. Staff cooperation will also be in accordance with AP 352.
- 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.
- 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 to encourage healthy life choices. Schools should ensure health instruction is provided according to the *Guide to Education, Alberta Education*.

1. Possible consequences, interventions and supports for conduct that does not align with positive student behaviours will follow a progressive discipline approach and include (but are not limited to):
 - Parent/Guardian/Caregiver phone calls, meetings, requests to pick student up as soon as possible.
 - Referrals to specialized, school based, division based, or community-based supports (i.e., Principal and FSD Family School Liaison Counselor).
 - Detentions, in school and out of school suspensions. • Additional learning assignments (e.g., research on long terms effects of bullying on the brain).
 - Restorative justice practices.
 - Student expulsion (as per clauses in the Education Act).
 - Violence Threat Risk Assessments (VTRA)
 - Student attendance plans • Behavioural Support Plans

It is important to note:

- Parents will be notified of interventions and/or consequences related to major/severe behaviors for your child.
- Parents cannot be notified of any details about any interventions and/or consequences for any student except for their own child.
- The use of corporal punishment is strictly prohibited.
- Physically restraining a student shall only be used if a student is a danger to themselves or others (each school assures that some members on staff have up to date Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVCi) training)
- Consequences must consider the student's age, maturity and/or individual circumstances (e.g., student needs and complexities including physical, behavioural, communicational, cognitive, mental health, trauma, past interventions trialed, and accommodations/supports

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