



STUDENT USE OF ALCOHOL AND RESTRICTED AND ILLICIT DRUGS

Background

The use of alcohol and the misuse of drugs and intoxicants negatively impacts a student's capacity to learn and diminishes the safe and caring climate of the school.

The possession and/or use of alcohol and Restricted and Illicit drugs in schools, on school property, or during school-related activities is prohibited.

Definition

Illicit Drug – means any drug or substance capable of causing intoxication or impairment that is not legally obtainable and whose use, sale, possession, purchase or transfer is restricted or prohibited by law.

Restricted Drugs – means any drug or substance capable of causing intoxication or impairment which can only be obtained with a valid prescription or medical document, and those which are legally obtainable for recreational use and whose sale, purchase, possession or transfer are restricted by law. For the purposes of this Administrative Procedure, Restricted Drugs do not include a drug for which the student has a valid prescription, or medical document, as contemplated by the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulation, that the student is using in accordance with the medical practitioner's directions.

Procedures

1. Principals shall ensure that education programs include components designed to increase students' knowledge of the facts relating to Restricted and Illicit Drugs and alcohol.
2. All cases of possession and/or use of Restricted and Illicit Drugs or alcohol on school premises, shall result in the application of standard student suspension procedures.
3. School officials will cooperate with law enforcement agencies in surveillance of the trafficking of Restricted and Illicit Drugs on school premises.
4. Staff members/supervisors observing suspected possession or use of Restricted and Illicit Drugs shall document the findings and report the incident to the Principal or designate.
5. After verification of the accuracy of the incident by the Principal or designate, the student(s) will be suspended and the participation of the parents/guardian requested in further discussions of the appropriate action.



6. Subsequent to meeting the student's immediate needs (medical attention, legal guidance, parental contact), referral to the following agencies may be recommended:
 - 6.1 Alberta Health Services: Addiction and Mental Health;
 - 6.2 Alberta Child and Family Services;
 - 6.3 Alberta Mental Health;
 - 6.4 Alcoholics Anonymous;
 - 6.5 Catholic Social Services.

Reference: Section 11, 32, 33, 52, 53, 197, 222 Education Act
Gaming and Liquor Act
Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
Criminal Code
Narcotics Act
Food and Drug Act