

POLICY IFCI –Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

The following will not be tolerated at school*:

- **consumption, use, possession or sale of alcohol, cannabis, illegal/restricted, controlled or non-prescribed drugs;**
- **possession or sale of drug paraphernalia;**
- **showing evidence of having recently consumed or used alcohol, cannabis illegal/restricted, controlled or non-prescribed drugs.**

PURPOSE

To support the development and maintenance of a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff.

DEFINITION

* For the purpose of this policy, ‘school’ refers to the school, on school grounds, or buses, or school-related or school-sanctioned activities.

- A controlled substance is generally a drug or chemical whose manufacture, possession, or use is regulated by a government, such as illicitly used drugs or prescription medications that are designated a Controlled Drug in Canada.
- Paraphernalia - miscellaneous articles, especially the equipment needed for use of consumption of drugs:
- Cannabis- includes all forms or derivatives.
- Non-prescribed – either a substances that is available without a prescription or a substance that was not prescribed for that individual.

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

1. Selling or supplying alcohol, cannabis, illegal/restricted, controlled or non-prescribed drugs is a criminal offence. Employees shall advise the School Administrator of the name of any student suspected of these activities.
2. If a student is found in possession of alcohol, cannabis, illegal/restricted, controlled or non-prescribed drugs, or if a student is suspected of being under the influence, the School Administrator:
 - a) shall make reasonable attempts to contact the parent to remove the student from the school;
 - b) will take appropriate disciplinary action;
 - c) may refer the student to an appropriate support resource;
 - d) may report the incident to the police.
3. If a student is experiencing health concerns/overdose the student shall be taken to a medical facility or medical assistance will be administered as outlined in *Policy IHCD – Administration of Medical Assistance to Students.*

REFERENCES

Cross References: links to

[Policy IFA](#) – Appeals Concerning Student Matters

[Policy IGD](#) - Student Suspension and Expulsion

[Policy IHCD](#) – Administration of Medical Assistance to Students

Legal Reference: [Education Act](#) – Section 53

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