

POSSESSION AND/OR MISUSE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ILLICIT DRUGS

Background

The use of alcohol or illicit drugs is detrimental to the learning process.

Schools shall incorporate into their existing Health/CALM program information that deals with the effects and dangers associated with the use of alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, illicit drugs, electronic smoking products, and other controlled substances.

The use or possession of alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, electronic smoking products, illicit drugs and other controlled substances is prohibited at school or at any school-sponsored activity.

Procedures

1. School-sponsored activities include but are not limited to: extra curricular activities, field trips, dances, and graduation ceremonies.
2. The prohibition of use or possession refers to all people including those who are 18 years or older.
3. Principals shall annually inform in writing all students, parents and staff members of this administrative procedure and of the legislation regarding alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, illicit drugs, electronic smoking products, and other controlled substances.
4. In the case of use and/or possession by students:
 - 4.1 Students suspected of being under the influence or in possession of alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, illicit drugs, electronic smoking products, and other controlled substances while in attendance at school or a school sponsored activity shall immediately be reported to the Principal. The Principal shall take appropriate actions. The incident shall be recorded and the parent advised as soon as possible.
 - 4.2 Students who are observed in the act of providing alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, illicit drugs, electronic smoking products, and other controlled substances to another student shall immediately be reported to the Principal. The Principal shall immediately notify the appropriate authorities and take whatever other action deemed necessary. The Principal may immediately suspend the student and may also recommend to the Superintendent that the student be expelled. The incident shall be recorded and the parent and the Superintendent shall be advised in writing of the incident and the actions taken and/or recommended.
 - 4.3 Students whose behavior during alcohol/drug related incidents becomes abusive or threatening, and students who are repeat offenders under this administrative procedure may be subject to more stringent disciplinary action.

5. In the case of alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, illicit drugs, electronic smoking products, and other controlled substances use or possession by non-students, the services of the police authorities shall be utilized in order to put an end to the incident and to seek appropriate remedy under the law.
6. In all situations involving the use or possession of alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, illicit drugs, electronic smoking products, and other controlled substances, school personnel shall act mindful of the laws respecting the use and possession of these substances.

Reference: Section 24, 25, 60, 61, School Act

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