



School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

ALCOHOL OR DRUGS: POSSESSION, TRAFFICKING, OR NON-MEDICAL USE

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Preamble

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe learning environment which fosters the well-being and health of all its students. This commitment is jeopardized when students use alcohol or drugs.

The Board recognizes that alcohol and drugs may create dependencies that are treatable conditions and strongly encourages students to voluntarily and confidentially seek treatment for substance abuse.

It is also important that students recognize that should they engage in misconduct related to substance abuse or other improper use of alcohol or drugs including medication, they will be the subject of appropriate disciplinary action, which will include a suspension. This may include both on and off school property misconduct. Student conduct prohibited by this policy will include, but is not limited to the following matters:

- i. Providing other students with illegal drugs or alcohol or facilitating the use of illegal drugs or alcohol by other students on school premises or in connection with school district sponsored activities;
- ii. Possession, use, gift, or sale of illegal drugs;
- iii. Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while on school property.

Policy

The Board opposes any inappropriate involvement with drugs or alcohol on school property or at school functions both within the District and on school travel or off school property. Any case of inappropriate involvement by students with drugs or alcohol shall result in a suspension.

Regulations

These Regulations to provide school principals and vice-principals with guidelines, which reflect reasonable, serious and consistent consequences and which act as a deterrent to the use of drugs and/or alcohol while under the jurisdiction of the School District. These regulations do not apply to tobacco products.

1. Use and/or Possession of Non-medical drugs, Including Alcohol
Where there is reasonable evidence that drug use or possession has occurred, the following consequences will normally result:
 - a. **First Offence:** Ten (10) day suspension, reduced at the discretion of the principal or vice-principal when combined with other intervention

programs

- b. **Second Offence**: Indefinite suspension.
2. Trafficking in Non-Medical Use of Drugs, Including Alcohol
 - a. **First Offence**: Indefinite suspension and notification of the RCMP.
 - b. **Second Offence**: Indefinite suspension, with a recommendation for a long-term suspension determined by the Review Committee. RCMP to be notified.
3. Information for Parents and Students
Principals must ensure that students and parents are made aware of this Policy and Regulations at the beginning of the school year or, in the case of students new to the district, upon registration at a school. Where schools have a behavioral expectations chart, drug and alcohol issues would be level three behaviors and consequences.