
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 300 STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE

As described in Policy 314: Student Substance Use, the use of controlled and regulated substances, including drugs, alcohol, cannabis, tobacco products, vaping devices and e-cigarettes by students is an issue that involves parents/guardians/caregivers, educators, students and the community.

The Chilliwack School District takes responsibility for providing resources and programs that promote education and prevention, interventions that support students, as well as expectations and consequences that are clearly outlined and communicated to students, parents/guardians/caregivers and educators.

Procedures:

- All School District property will be designated no smoking and no vaping allowed, with the use of tobacco, vapour products, cannabis (in all forms), and controlled and regulated substances on school property and areas abutting school property prohibited at all times for all employees, students and visitors.
- School property is defined as all school buildings, grounds and properties, including School District offices and facilities and any properties owned or leased by, or operated under the authority of the Board.
- The use of tobacco, vapour products, cannabis, and controlled and regulated substances will not be permitted in private vehicles on school property, in School District owned vehicles and equipment, and in any vehicle used to transport students.
- The exception to this policy is for the ceremonial use of tobacco where the activity has been approved by the Board, and the ceremony is performed in relation to a traditional indigenous cultural activity or performed by a group for a purpose approved by government regulation.
- Principals, vice-principals and teachers shall strive to ensure that all students receive instruction that promotes substance use awareness, responsible decision-making, positive self-esteem and overall good health.
- Students and parents/guardians/caregivers shall be made aware of available counseling services and other support services outside of the school. Access to community assessment, counseling and treatment services may be facilitated by the school for students and families. In taking or facilitating such action, school personnel shall strive to ensure the confidentiality of those involved. Students should feel free to seek and receive counseling about substance use and related problems without fear of punishment or reprisal.
- Any illegal substances discovered to be in a student's possession or on school property shall be confiscated immediately by the school principal/vice-principal. At the time of confiscation, other responsible adults shall be made aware of the action that has been

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taken by the principal/vice-principal. The substance shall be locked in a secure place within the school.

- School principals/vice-principals, given reasonable cause, are permitted to search student lockers without the consent of the student.
- The RCMP may be informed of suspected use or possession of illegal substances.
- In making decisions about disciplinary procedures, the principal shall be guided by the concept of "in loco parentis" and shall consider what is best for the individual student as well as the health, safety and well-being of other students and staff members.