

POLICY 314 STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE

The Tobacco and Vapour Product Control Act, Section 2.2, the Cannabis Act, and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act clearly define the laws regarding smoking, the use of vapour products, the use of cannabis and the use of controlled substances on school property.

The Board recognizes that in order to provide the greatest opportunity for healthy student growth and development, the school environment must be free from the use of controlled and regulated substances, including drugs, alcohol, cannabis, tobacco products, vaping devices and e-cigarettes. The Board shares responsibility with students, parents/guardians/caregivers and the community for addressing problems associated with the use of such substances.

The Board seeks to support students by providing informed, age-appropriate education and information. The Board supports efforts to prevent and intervene in substance abuse among students, including the development and delivery of resources, the promotion of prevention programs, and the implementation of school and community-based efforts aimed at supporting students.

The use of controlled and regulated substances, including drugs, alcohol, cannabis, tobacco products, vaping devices and e-cigarettes, on school property or during school-authorized trips or activities represents a serious violation of the code of conduct, and violations will be subject to disciplinary action and, if necessary, police involvement.