



AP 424 – Student Use of Alcohol and Drugs – Administrative Procedures Manual

STUDENT USE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

The North East School Division (NESD) believes that educational programs focusing on healthy lifestyles should be taught to students in order to discourage the use of alcohol, cannabis and other drugs. Every effort will be made to establish school environments that are alcohol/cannabis/drug free. Co-operation with families and community agencies will be sought when students are experiencing problems related to alcohol, cannabis and other drugs.

Procedures

1. The school will co-operate with parents or guardians, community agencies and law enforcement agencies in their attempts to address problems associated with alcohol, cannabis and other drug usage. Such cooperation may include, but is not limited to referral to:
 - drug awareness programs;
 - various counseling agencies, services and/or personnel; or
 - enrolment in various support or rehabilitation programs.
2. Students who choose to disclose an alcohol or other drug related problem to a member of staff will be directed to an agency or program to help them address the issue. There is a responsibility for a staff member to inform the principal of the disclosure so the individual can be so directed.
3. In the event that medically prescribed cannabis must be administered at school, the principal will ensure that the provisions of AP413 Administering Medications and Medical Treatments to Students are adhered to.
4. Notwithstanding section 3, cannabis is not to be smoked/ingested on school property.
5. To safeguard the student and others with whom the student may interact, the principal will attempt to contact the parent or guardian of any student the principal has reasonable grounds to consider being under the influence of alcohol, cannabis or other drugs, to arrange for that student to be safely removed from the premises. The student may be dealt with in accordance with AP409 Discipline and may be referred to appropriate enforcement agencies. The principal should consider an alternative suspension, such as a substance abuse educational program/component.
6. Any student who is in possession of, distributes, sells or supplies alcohol, cannabis or other drugs on school premises, school buses or at any school-approved activity that is listed as unlawful under any statute or regulation, may be dealt with in accordance with AP409 Discipline and referred to appropriate enforcement agencies.