

## **ALCOHOL AND DRUG POSSESSION OR USE**

The Board recognizes that the consumption of alcoholic beverages or other drugs can impair an individual's well being, can reduce a student's ability to learn, and can interfere with academic and extracurricular programs. As used in this policy, drugs are all substances defined under statutes including counterfeit drugs, substances falsely represented as drugs and cannabis (marijuana).

The policy of the Division is to:

- maintain an environment that is alcohol and drug free;
- provide educational programs about the long and short term effects of using alcohol or prescription and non-prescription drugs; and
- make assistance available to students who are involved detrimentally with alcohol or other drugs.

Therefore;

- a) all forms of alcoholic beverages and unauthorized drugs are prohibited in all division buildings or on all division buses and property; and
- b) students, employees and other adult supervisors are prohibited from possessing, using or being under the influence of alcohol or unauthorized drugs at all school activities.

Violation of this policy is cause for disciplinary action which could include: suspension, referral to the police, referral to an outside agency for assessment and counselling, or supportive board action.

Students who are suspected of being in possession of, and/or under the influence of alcohol or other unauthorized drugs must not be left unattended. If this situation arises during the school day, the teacher will summon an administrator for assistance. In the event the policy is violated while the student is on a field trip or at a school sponsored event outside of the school, the supervising staff member will contact the principal. If the student is to return home, the parent will be responsible for arrangements, including the cost of public transportation, if required.

The parents of any student involved in a violation of this policy shall be contacted as soon as possible.

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