

Administrative Procedure 353

STUDENT USE OF ALCOHOL, CANNABIS OR OTHER DRUGS

Background:

The Lloydminster Public School Division has an educational and societal responsibility to prohibit the student use or possession of alcohol, cannabis or other drugs at all times.

The Division is also committed to the health and safety of its employees, students, environment, and the public. The use of alcohol, cannabis or other drugs can create unacceptable safety risks to everyone at the workplace.

Students have the right to be educated in an environment free of substance abuse and with persons free from the effects of alcohol, cannabis or other drugs. Alcohol, cannabis or other drugs are hazards to the school environment and to the credibility and reputation of the School Division.

Procedures:

1. The school is to cooperate 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:
 - a. Referral to drug awareness programs.
 - b. Referral to various counseling agencies, services and/or personnel.
 - c. Referral 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 or other drugs must be administered at school, the principal will ensure that the provisions of AP-316: Administration Of Medical Assistance to Students are adhered to.
4. Student use of alcohol, cannabis or other drugs is prohibited on all school division premises, vehicles and school related activities.

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 AP-357: Exclusions, Suspensions and Expulsion of Students and may be referred to appropriate enforcement agencies.
6. Any student who is in possession of, distributes, sells or supplies alcohol, cannabis or other drugs on school premises, school vehicles or at any school-approved activity that is listed as unlawful under any statute or regulation, may be dealt with in accordance with AP-357: Exclusions, Suspensions and Expulsion of Students and may be referred to appropriate enforcement agencies.

Reference:

Section 85, 87, 108, 109, 152, 153, 154, 155,175 Education Act

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