



5013: STUDENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND POSSESSION (A/P)

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BACKGROUND

Pacific Rim School District implements age-appropriate prevention and intervention and response strategies when confronted with student substance abuse and possession. These strategies are trauma informed and student centred.

PROCEDURE

FIRST INSTANCE

Students identified as using or distributing illegal substances will be investigated by an administrator.

The administrator will first assess for safety and manage any immediate medical concerns. A call will be made to 911 should the student require emergency intervention.

The administrator will document the interaction with the student and store that information according to the school's record keeping policy.

The administrator will use a trauma informed lens to inquire about the student's use and circumstance. This will assist in understanding the context for the substance use and guide the administrator's response. Progressive disciplinary responses are outlined in 510: A/P Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools.

SUBSEQUENT INSTANCES

Students with ongoing infractions will result in progressively intensive consequences included in 510: Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools.

Every effort will be made to engage the student with suitable supports in the form of internal and external partners.

Each year, the school administrator will review this procedure with staff and families.

Pacific Rim School District will maintain an accurate listing of support services in the community and update that list annually. This Mental Health and Wellness Resources Guide will be made available on the website.

REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

5013: Student Substance Abuse (P)
School Act - [Table of Contents - School Act](#)
510: Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools (A/P)



XXX: Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies

Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order – M276/07 [Authority: School Act, sections 85\(1.1\) 168 \(2\) \(s.1\)](#)

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act - [Table of Contents - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#)

Pacific Rim School District [Mental Health and Wellness Resources](#)

Human Rights Code - non-discriminatory practice in response to school substance use - [Human Rights Code](#)

Public Health Act - [Public Health Act - Province of British Columbia](#)

Cannabis Control and Licensing Act - [Cannabis Control and Licensing Act](#)

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act - [Controlled Drugs and Substances Act](#)

BC Ministry of Education and Child Care – Safe and Caring Schools Communities-[Ministry of Education and Child Care - Province of British Columbia](#)