



## XXX: STUDENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND POSSESSION(P)

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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students have access to safe, healthy, and inclusive learning environments, free from the impacts of substance abuse.

The possession, abuse, or distribution of alcohol, cannabis, vaping products, or illegal substances is prohibited on all school property, at school-sponsored events, and during any school-related activities.

Recognizing that substance abuse is a complex health and social issue, the Board promotes a balanced approach that emphasizes prevention, education and intervention. The focus is on supporting student well-being rather than punitive measures.

### **Purpose**

This policy aims to:

- Promote health, safety, and well-being for all students and staff.
- Provide guidance for prevention, intervention, and support related to substance use.
- Encourage education and open communication to reduce stigma and support informed decision-making.
- Align with current legislation and provincial guidelines regarding underage substance use.
- Foster collaboration among schools, families, and community partners to address and respond to substance use concerns.

### **Commitment**

The Board of Education values a supportive and restorative approach when responding to student substance use. Schools will prioritize connection, education, and access to appropriate resources and supports.

### **REFERENCES AND RESOURCES**

510: Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools (A/P)

District Code of Conduct “Expectations for Students”

5013: Student Substance Abuse (A/P)

*School Act* – [Table of Contents - School Act](#)

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*

*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*