

## Administrative Procedure 352

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### STUDENT USE OF ALCOHOL, RESTRICTED AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

#### Background

The use of alcohol and the misuse of drugs and intoxicants have a negative effect on a student's capacity to learn. In addition, it can have a negative impact on the overall school climate.

The possession and/or use of alcohol and restricted and illegal drugs in schools, on school property or during school related activities is prohibited.

#### Procedures

1. The Principal shall establish procedures to deal with the possession and/or use of alcohol, restricted and illegal drugs, by students in school or on school property during school hours or during any school-related activities.
2. The Principal shall ensure that students are made aware of the school's procedures and that there will be zero tolerance for any violations.
3. School staff members shall ensure that the educational programs include components designed to increase student's knowledge of the fact relating to the use of restricted and illegal drugs and alcohol.
4. Staff members observing suspected possession or use of restricted and illegal drugs, and alcohol shall document the findings and observations and report the incident to the Principal.
5. After verification of the accuracy of the incident by the Principal, the student will be suspended and the participation of the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be requested in further discussions of the appropriate action to be taken.
6. Subsequent to meeting the student's immediate needs (medical attention, legal guidance, and parental/guardian contact); remedial assistance will be sought for the student by the family and the Family Outreach Worker. The following agencies may be considered:
  - 6.1 AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission).
  - 6.2 FCSS (Family and Community Support Services).
  - 6.3 Aspen Children's Services Authority.
  - 6.4 Community Health.
  - 6.5 Alcoholics Anonymous.
7. School officials shall cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the surveillance of trafficking of restricted and illegal drugs on school premises.

8. For any student found to be distributing controlled substances, the following actions shall be undertaken:
  - 8.1 The student shall be reported to police and suspended immediately pending a thorough investigation by school authorities.
  - 8.2 If the student is charged by police of trafficking in controlled substances, the student shall be suspended pending an investigation for the purpose of determining the effect of the student's behaviour on the moral well-being of the school.
9. Student suspensions issued under section 8 will be in accordance with Administrative Procedure 355 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students.

Reference: Section 31, 32, 33, 53, 196, 197, 222 Education Act  
Gaming and Liquor Act  
Controlled Drugs and Substances Act  
Criminal Code  
Narcotics Act  
Food and Drug Act  
Health Canada