



Rationale

The use of alcohol and drugs has a negative effect on a student's capacity to learn and the school climate. The school has an obligation to educate students about the dangers associated with the use of drugs to take measures to prevent their use within the school environment.

Policy

The possession and/or use of alcohol and drugs by students in schools, on school property or during school-related activities are strictly prohibited.

Procedures

1. Schools shall ensure that the educational programs include components designed to increase students' knowledge of controlled substances and alcohol.
2. All cases of possession and/or use of controlled substances or alcohol, on school premises, shall result in the student being suspended.
3. School officials will co-operate with law enforcement agencies in the surveillance of the trafficking of controlled substances on school premises.
4. Staff members/supervisors observing students suspected of possession or use of controlled substances shall document the findings and report the incident to the principal.
5. After verification of the accuracy of the incident by the principal and in consultation with the Superintendent the student(s) will be suspended.
6. For those found distributing drugs, the following applies:
 - a. A student caught distributing drugs within a school shall be reported to the police and suspended immediately, pending investigation by the principal.
 - b. A student charged by the police for trafficking in drugs shall be suspended indefinitely. The principal will consult with the Superintendent on the possibility of expulsion of the student.

References:	Date: August 2023
	Revisions: