

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

SUBSTANCE USE (Student)

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1. FIRST INCIDENT

- i. Any student of an ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-7) engaging in any of the following while under the jurisdiction of the school shall have a meeting with the principal, the school counselor and his/her parents/guardians at the earliest opportunity:
- consumes alcohol or illicit drug(s)
 - is under the influence of alcohol or illicit drug(s)
 - is in possession of alcohol or illicit drug(s) or drug paraphernalia

Taking into account the advice of this meeting, the principal will make a decision regarding the outcome of the incident or incidents. Outcomes may include disciplinary consequences for the student, recommendation for support from school staff, and/or referral to the District Drug and Alcohol Review Committee.

If referred to the District Drug and Alcohol Review Committee, the committee may recommend further disciplinary consequences, support or RCMP involvement.

- ii. Any student of a SECONDARY SCHOOL (8-12) engaging in any of the following while under the jurisdiction of the school shall immediately be placed on an "In-School Suspension" for a period of no more than four (4) days and the student shall be referred to the District Drug and Alcohol Review Committee:
- consumes alcohol or illicit drug(s)
 - is under the influence of alcohol or illicit drug(s)
 - is in possession of alcohol or illicit drug(s) or drug paraphernalia

The incident(s) shall be reported to parents/guardians verbally and confirmed immediately in writing. A copy of Board Bylaw 5: *Parent/Student Appeals to the Board of Education* will be enclosed.

The Superintendent or designate shall be notified in writing and the RCMP may be contacted. The decision as to whether criminal charges will be laid rests with the RCMP.

The District Drug and Alcohol Review Committee may make recommendations for further disciplinary consequences or support.

2. REPEAT INCIDENTS

A student of any age who is involved in a repeat incident of consumption, under the influence or possession of alcohol or drug(s) or paraphernalia while under school jurisdiction shall be immediately placed on suspension and referred to the Superintendent and/or designate for a decision as to which committee the student will be referred to: the District Drug and Alcohol Review Committee or the District Discipline Committee.

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3. DISTRIBUTION/TRAFFICKING OF ALCOHOL OR ILLICIT DRUG(S)

Any student of any age who engages in the distribution, sale or proliferation of alcohol or drug(s) shall be immediately placed on "Out of School/At Home" suspension and referred to the District Discipline Committee.

In addition, the RCMP will be notified and will determine if criminal charges are warranted.

4. DISTRICT DRUG AND ALCOHOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

In most cases the District Drug and Alcohol Review Committee will consist of a minimum of:

- the Superintendent or designate
- two school administrators

Any student referred to this committee will present himself/herself with their parent/guardian at the time appointed. A representative of the student's school will also be present.

The committee will make recommendations regarding the level of support and/or intervention which might be required to assist the student to successfully continue with his/her educational program and support the student in making healthy choices.

Some of the following specific courses of action may also be recommended by the committee but it is intended that the committee would not be limited in its thinking or mandate by such a list:

- drug or alcohol counseling
- referral for family support
- school suspension in accordance with Board Policy 7030: *Suspension of Students*
- change of educational program
- suspension from all School District 69 schools while being provided with an educational program pursuant to Section 85 of the *School Act*

References:

- *Board Bylaw 5: Parent/Student Appeals to the Board of Education*
- *Board Policy 7001: Student Discipline*
- *Board Policy 7002: Substance Use (Student)*
- *Canada's Food and Drugs Act*
- *Canada's Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*