

## **DRUG, ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE USE BY STUDENTS**

The Division recognizes that the abuse of illicit drugs, alcohol, or other substances is detrimental to the health, welfare and safety of all students involved in such practices. The Division prohibits the use, possession, or distribution of these items. The Division provides educational programs to prevent drug and alcohol abuse which assist in developing decision-making skills regarding such substances.

As used in this policy, "drugs" are all substances defined under statutes as "drugs" or "controlled substances," as well as counterfeit drugs and substances falsely represented as being drugs, whether legal or illegal.

As used in this policy, "legal drugs" are defined as over-the-counter and prescription drugs, including vitamins and other dietary supplements, that are properly possessed and used by the person for whom they are intended in accordance with all applicable policies and regulations.

As used in this policy, "illicit drugs" are all drugs not defined herein as legal drugs, including cannabis (marijuana).

Student use, possession, or distribution, or being under the influence of illicit drugs or alcohol is prohibited

- in any Division building
- on all Division premises,
- at Division or school-sanctioned activities or events,
- when students are being transported in vehicles dispatched by the Division or one of its schools, whether by Division owned vehicle or by parent or volunteer vehicle,
- off school property when such conduct has a connection to school or any Division activity or event, such as a field trip or athletic event or any school sponsored event.

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The Division believes that effective prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse requires the combined efforts of parents/guardians and the Division, and holds that parents/guardians have the responsibility to cooperate with the Division in attempting to prevent drug and alcohol abuse problems and to seek help from public and private agencies for students involved in drug and alcohol abuse. Parents/guardians of a student involved in alcohol and drug abuse shall be contacted immediately by the School Administrator or designate. School authorities may also contact the police.

The Division, through the Physical Education and Health curriculum shall implement age-appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education and abuse-prevention programs for all students in all divisional schools.

In support of this policy, no liquor permits shall be sought and/or issued for schools or school Division property, and liquor or alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed on Division property at all times.

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