

## USE OF RECREATIONAL CANNABIS AND ALCOHOL IN DIVISION FACILITIES

### Background:

To ensure a safe environment for students, and to uphold the high-quality standards of Division staff, the use of recreational cannabis products and alcohol for educational and social purposes is restricted by the following procedures.

### Procedures:

1. Recreational cannabis and alcohol shall not be possessed, sold, served or consumed in any Division facility.
2. Any student possessing drug paraphernalia, recreational cannabis or alcohol shall have it confiscated for disposal by the school.
3. Recreational cannabis and alcohol shall not be possessed, sold, served or consumed at any Division function when students and children are involved, or on the premises.
4. Recreational cannabis and alcohol shall not be possessed, sold, served or consumed in any manner at any school-sponsored graduation ceremony or activity.
5. Students found distributing, selling, possessing or under the influence of recreational cannabis or alcohol shall be suspended with a possible recommendation for expulsion.
6. Students in possession of paraphernalia related to the use of drugs or alcohol may be suspended.
7. Any staff member in violation of these procedures shall be subject to disciplinary action.
8. If recreational cannabis and alcohol are to be on site for any reason, they shall be kept in a secure location.
9. Alcohol may be used in senior high food services programs for food preparation, provided it is kept in a secure location.
10. At Division adult functions, those choosing to serve recreational cannabis or alcohol are responsible for ensuring all appropriate permits are in place.
11. Based on good risk management practices, there shall be strict segregation of Division employees and resources from any graduation or other activities planned by parents/guardians or students where consumption of recreational cannabis or alcohol is involved:
  - 11.1. Division staff shall excuse themselves from any such discussions, planning or activity.
  - 11.2. Division employees shall not participate in the supervision of any graduation activities where recreational cannabis or alcohol is permitted.
  - 11.3. Discussions or meetings on graduation activities where consumption of recreational cannabis or alcohol is involved shall not be permitted on school premises and information shall not be publicized through any school or Division communication.

**Reference:**

Section 52, 53, 197, 204, 222, 225 *Education Act*