

**School District #62 (Sooke)**

<b>SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION</b>	No.: C-314
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**SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

1. The Board of Education, in accordance with provincial legislation, prohibits any person from possession (for distribution purposes), being under the influence, sale, exchange or distribution of any regulated or illicit substances in or on school premises, property, functions and vehicles at any time.

In addition, the Board strictly prohibits students from consuming or using alcohol or drugs at any time, including prior to school hours, such that the student is impaired when attending on school property or at any school function.

This policy applies regardless of whether such behaviour may be potentially harmful only to the student concerned or whether it might also harm the character or persons of other students.

2. The Board supports the development and implementation of school procedures which align with a Comprehensive School Health framework and provide for methods or programs that support:
  - a. Teaching and learning opportunities that help students learn evidence aligned drug literacy competencies and content.
  - b. Health promoting physical and social school environments.
  - c. Trauma-informed approaches to substance-related incidents.
  - d. Co-operation with recognized agencies and community partnerships to support students and families affected by substance use.
  - e. Disciplinary discouragement of substance use.

References:

Statutory

- *BC School Act* (sections 6, 7, 11, 17, 20, 22, 65, 79,85)
- *BC Ministry of Education: Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools, A Guide*
- *BC Public Health Act*
- *Child, Family and Community Service Act*
- *Cannabis Act*
- *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act*
- *Cannabis Distribution Act*
- *Food and Drug Act*
- *Narcotic Control Act*

Policy:

- B-129 "Safe and Healthy Schools"
- C-309 "District and School Codes of Conduct"
- C-319 "Student Suspension"
- C-410 "Child Abuse"
- E-530 "Use of Tobacco, Vapour Products & Cannabis on School Board Property"