

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

**500
POLICY
Drugs and Alcohol**

The Board recognizes that in order to provide the greatest opportunity for healthy student growth and development, the school environment must be free from the illegal use of drugs and alcohol. The Board shares responsibility with students, parents and the community for addressing problems associated with the use and abuse of such substances.

The Board supports:

1. A drug and alcohol free school environment that provides the best possible learning environment.
2. Working together with parents, educators, students and community members to create safe and healthy schools.
3. The development and delivery of educational resources, the promotion of prevention programs and the implementation of school and community-based efforts aimed at supporting students and requires that all schools have in place drug and alcohol education and prevention programs.
4. Efforts to prevent and intervene in substance abuse.
5. The prohibition of the use or possession of alcohol or other illegal substances on school property or during school-authorized trips or activities. Violations are subject to disciplinary action, and if necessary, police involvement.
6. Severe consequences for trafficking or transfer of drugs and alcohol which requires that the trafficking of illicit drugs is reported to the RCMP and that cooperative approaches be developed with the RCMP to work with the student to ensure accountability and interventions to support the student.

Cross Refs: Policy 501- Student Behaviour

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7. A consistent set of standards and practices throughout the District which outlines clear reporting and investigation protocols and requires that all schools have detailed Codes of Conduct and policies which shall outline expectations and consequences related to drug and alcohol use, possession, trafficking on school property or school sponsored events and are in compliance with School Board Policy and administrative regulations. At least annually, these expectations and consequences will be communicated to students and parents.