



*"Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability,  
Involve community"*

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

### POLICY 3100 Intoxicating and Controlled Substances

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#### **Definition:**

"Mood-altering substances" refers to alcohol, tobacco and tobacco products, and other controlled substances identified, and prohibited or restricted under The Tobacco Act, The Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and the provincial Liquor Control and Licensing Act, excluding drugs prescribed by a physician and used according to instructions. For the purposes of this policy, caffeine and sugar are not included.

#### **Rationale:**

*The School District No. 64 Board of Education acknowledges its responsibility and legal obligation in promoting and preserving healthy learning and working environments and it recognizes the health risks associated with the use and abuse of controlled substances such as alcohol, tobacco products and other mood altering or intoxicating substances.*

*The board believes use of alcohol, tobacco and other mood-altering or intoxicating substances on school grounds, in school buildings and facilities, on school property, or at school-related or school-sponsored events held during or outside of normal school hours, to be incompatible with the board's educational purposes. Nonetheless, it supports the community by making district facilities available for community-sponsored, licensed events under strictly-controlled conditions.*

#### **Policy:**

1. The School District No. 64 Board of Education's objectives in adopting this policy are to:
  - a. maintain safe and healthy learning and working environments;
  - b. promote and protect the health and safety of all students and employees;
2. The board prohibits:
  - a. consumption of alcohol;

- b. use of tobacco in any form and by any means;
- c. use of other mood-altering substances as defined above
- d. the possession of substances identified in 2 (a-c) above

by students, or employees and community members acting in a supervisory or support capacity, at any school-sponsored event whether on district property or not.

3. All use of substances identified in section 2 above is prohibited in all schools and school district buildings, on school district property, and in buses, water taxis and district vehicles, with *limited* exceptions involving
  - a. the ceremonial use of tobacco as approved by the School District administration;
  - b. the consumption of alcohol at licensed events taking place in district facilities, outside of regular school hours, with school district approval and where children and youth, if present, are not attending in their capacities as students.

#### **References:**

- Government of Canada, Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (S.C. 1996, c. 19)
- Government of Canada, The Tobacco Act
- Government of British Columbia, Liquor Control and Licensing Act
- Policies and Procedures 203, 305/3054, 400, 685