

Administrative Procedures Manual	Administrative Procedure 354
	Student Substance Use
	APPROVED: September 2013
Page 1 of 2	AMENDED/REVIEWED: September 2019, November 2018
LEGAL REFERENCE:	Section 36, 37, 52, 53, 197, 222 Education Act Section 43 Criminal Code of Canada

Background

The Grande Prairie Public School Division is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students that is drug, cannabis and alcohol free. This procedure applies to school sites and school sponsored events including field trips. This procedure distinguishes between distributing/selling, possessing, and being under the influence. Where laws are broken, the RCMP will be involved.

Help is available. Any student wishing to learn more about making positive lifestyle decisions should speak to a school administrator or teacher.

Definitions

In this Administrative Procedure:

Cannabis refers to usage for non-medical purposes.

Drug, Cannabis and Alcohol Guidelines:

1. Students found distributing, selling, possessing or under the influence of drugs, cannabis or alcohol while on or near school premises or while participating in a school sponsored activity **will** be suspended.
2. Students in the company of students found to be distributing, selling, possessing or under the influence of drugs, cannabis or alcohol while on or near school premises or while participating in a school sponsored activity **may** be suspended.
3. Students who have been suspended are required to meet with school administration to have conditions of re-instatement clarified. Conditions may include limitations on school mobility, participation in extra-curricular activities, searches of personal items and property, modified schedule, requirements around counseling etc.

Procedures

1. **Under the influence of drugs, cannabis or alcohol:** Students determined to be under the influence of drugs, cannabis or alcohol **will** be suspended for up to 5 days and require a re-instatement meeting with school administration and parents. Continued incidents will result in further suspension and possible recommendation to Central Office for expulsion.
2. **Possessing drugs, cannabis or alcohol:** Students determined to be in possession of drugs, cannabis or alcohol **will** be suspended for 5 days and require a re-instatement meeting with school administration and parents. A second incident **will** result in further suspension including a recommendation to Central Office for expulsion.

Administrative Procedures Manual	Administrative Procedure 354
	Student Substance Use
	APPROVED: September 2013
Page 2 of 2	AMENDED/REVIEWED: September 2019, November 2018
LEGAL REFERENCE:	Section 36, 37, 52, 53, 197, 222 Education Act Section 43 Criminal Code of Canada

3. **Distribution/selling drugs, cannabis or alcohol:** Students who are found to be in possession and considered to be distributing/selling drugs, cannabis or alcohol **will** be suspended for 5 days with a recommendation to our Central Office for expulsion.
4. **Paraphernalia:** Students in possession of paraphernalia related to the use of drugs, cannabis or alcohol, including vapourizers/e-cigarettes regardless of their intended use, will be suspended.