

POLICY STATEMENT

SUBJECT: **Alcohol and Other Drugs: The Use/Abuse/Misuse**

DATE OF ADOPTION: May 25, 2011

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 25, 2011

REVIEW DATE:

SUPERSEDES: June 8, 2005

CROSS REFERENCE: *The School Act*
Controlled Drugs and Substances Act of Canada
Alcohol and Other Drugs: The Use/Abuse/Misuse (JICH-R)
Student Investigation and Searches (JIH) and (JIH-R)
Relations with Law Enforcement and Child Protection
Authorities (KLG) and (KLG-R)

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Statement of Principle

The Eastern School District promotes a safe, healthy environment for all students, employees, and visitors. The District recognizes the danger to health and the disruption of learning caused by the illegal use/abuse/misuse of alcohol and other drugs. Possession or illegal use/abuse/misuse of alcohol and other drugs on Eastern School District property, or while under the supervision and/or care of the Eastern School District is strictly prohibited.

The Board will follow the principle of the Duty of Care in the implementation of this policy. The District will demonstrate the following:

- respect for the rights of all individuals to benefit from a safe and healthy environment;
- fair procedural treatment as determined by the *School Act*, Board Policy, supporting Regulations and collective agreements;
- persistent and diligent effort to encourage appropriate behaviours.

The Eastern School District further recognizes that alcohol and other drug use/abuse/misuse is a societal issue and will work with other partners to encourage healthy lifestyle choices by our students, employees, and visitors and to advocate for services for youth to deal with this issue.

The Eastern School District recognizes the role of drug education in reducing alcohol use/abuse and other drug related problems. Therefore, the Eastern School District is committed to the implementation and delivery of approved curriculum designed to address use/abuse/misuse of alcohol and other drugs.

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