



## Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division # 81

<b>Pupils 9230</b>  <b>Pupil Conduct: Alcohol and Illicit Drugs</b>	<b>Administrative Application</b>	
	<b>Effective:</b>	March 3, 2015
	<b>References:</b>	The Education Act, 1995 Sec. 150-155 Young Offenders Act (REF) ER-Goals ER-1 Treatment of Students and Parents/Guardians
	<b>Status:</b>	Operational

The Board supports educational programs for pupils that promote wellness, in an effort to discourage alcohol and drug abuse. The Board supports efforts by staff to establish school environments that are alcohol and drug free. Pupils involved with alcohol and/or illicit drugs for the purpose of possession, use and/or distribution are acting in contravention of existing laws. Apply the following when responding to situations involving suspected or actual pupil possession, use or distribution of alcohol or illicit drugs:

1. Staffs are encouraged to identify situations where pupils appear to be experiencing problems that may be attributed to alcohol or drug use, or in cases where a pupil appears to be involved with the possession, sale, or distribution of alcohol or illicit drugs.
2. If a pupil is suspected of being in possession or distribution of alcohol and/or illegal drugs, in the school, on school property, or while involved with school related activities, the principal may initiate or authorize a search.
3. Inform parents of actions taken in relation to situations where pupils are involved with the possession or distribution of alcohol and/or illicit drugs in the school, on school property, or while involved with school related activities.
4. In a situation perceived as an emergency:
  - a) The immediate care of the pupil is of primary importance.
  - b) Call 911 if the pupil requires emergency medical attention.
  - c) Contact parents/guardians of the pupil, informing them of the situation and actions taken.
5. The principal is responsible for preliminary investigations, the initial coordination of support and the determination of disciplinary actions, for the reporting of incidents where a pupil is suspected to be experiencing problems due to alcohol or drug abuse while attending school or school sponsored activities.
6. Before determining a course of intervention, consult and consider options for approaching the situation. Use discretion in determining a course of action taking into consideration the welfare of the pupil involved. Pupils involved in the use of alcohol and/or illicit drugs may require a range of responses that may include therapeutic treatment, rehabilitative treatment, and/or disciplinary action.
7. Where appropriate, an in-school committee such as the Student Support Team may be consulted to provide recommendations with respect to professional community agencies that promote the development of rehabilitation and therapy programs required for or by pupils.



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8. Where appropriate the administrator is to inform and encourage parents to utilize professional services and resources within the community and, where feasible cooperate to help resolve problems leading to the pupil's use of alcohol and/or illicit drugs.
9. Pupils found to be in possession or involved with the use or distribution of alcohol and/or illicit drugs in the school, on school property, or while involved with school related activities may be referred to the RCSD Alternative to Suspension Program or be subject to suspension or expulsion in accordance with Administrative Application 9410 – Suspension and Expulsion.
10. All inquiries, investigations, reporting of incidents, and follow up actions involving a pupil experiencing problems due to alcohol or drug abuse shall be carried out in accordance with related Board policy, administrative applications, the Act, and relevant laws.