

Administrative Application	
Students 9231	Last Reviewed /Approved on: August 14, 2024
Responding to Situations Involving Alcohol/Drugs/Substance Use	References: The Education Act, 1995, Sec. 152, 153 Administrative Applications 9220 – Student Duties and Conduct 9230 – Suspected Use, Possession or Distribution of Alcohol/Drugs/Substances 9410 – Suspension and Expulsion Policy 12 – Role of the Director
	Status: Operational

Preamble

The Regina Catholic School Division (RCSD) prohibits the use of alcohol, cannabis and or illicit drug use or intoxication and other substances on school property or at sanctioned school events. Following the law and the safety of our students RCSD is committed to the health and well-being of all our students:-

Application

1. Students involved with the use of alcohol, cannabis and/or illicit drugs use or intoxication and other substances may require a range of responses including:
 - a. Therapeutic treatment
 - b. Rehabilitative treatment
 - c. Disciplinary response i.e. suspensions, expulsions and or RCSD Alternative Choices Program.

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 student involved.

2. In a situation perceived as an emergency:
 - a. The immediate care of the student is of primary importance.
 - b. Call 911 if the student requires emergency medical attention.
 - c. Contact parents/guardians of the student, informing them of the situation and actions taken.

3. Where appropriate, inform and encourage parents/guardians to utilize professional services and resources within the community and, where feasible, cooperate to help resolve problems leading to the student's use of alcohol, tobacco, tobacco related products, cannabis and/or illicit drugs use or intoxication and other substances.
4. Where appropriate, an in-school committee composed of staff members, and consultants may be established for the investigation, study, and diagnosis in accordance with *Administrative Applications 9220 – Student Duties and Conduct; 9230 Suspected Use, Possession or Distribution of Alcohol/Drugs/Substances; 9410 – Suspension and Expulsion*, and requirements of the *Education Act*.
5. Where appropriate, Student Support Services will facilitate service between community professional agencies and the school to promote the development of rehabilitation and therapy programs recommended for or required by students.
6. Where appropriate, educational programs focused on healthy lifestyles should be taught to students in order to inform and prevent the use of alcohol, cannabis and or illicit drugs and other harmful regulated substances.