

Administrative Procedure 169

POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND CANNABIS

Background

The possession and consumption of alcohol on District property and any facilities leased by the District is not permitted. This includes all student functions, including but not limited to, such functions as graduations and field trips, with the exception of consumption directly related to serving communion wine for celebration of a Mass.

Procedures

1. The District recognizes that there may be events organized by staff or parents at which alcohol will be served. These events must be located at facilities that are not owned or leased to or from the District. Examples of such events include but are not limited to school council and school society sponsored activities or fundraisers, staff Christmas parties, staff retirement celebrations, or sports related gatherings or tournaments (i.e. golf tournaments or curling leagues/tournaments). Consideration of social host liability issues is a responsibility of all individuals involved in planning any event that may involve the consumption of alcohol regardless of the location. The District will refrain from sponsoring any such event but highly recommends the following to any individual or group of individuals responsible for the organization of the event:
 - 1.1. That all activities in relation to the service of alcohol in any form be the sole responsibility of the facility at which the event is hosted;
 - 1.2. That no provision for the consumption of alcohol be included in any fees associated with the event (i.e. through the provision of complementary drink tickets, complementary wine on tables etc.);
 - 1.3. That organizers ensure that all appropriate permits are in place (for information on the requirements for a private function refer to Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission website at www.aglc.gov.ab.ca); and
 - 1.4. That organizers obtain an appropriate social host liability insurance policy through a broker of their choice.
2. The District also prohibits the possession and/or consumption of cannabis products of any kind (i.e. fresh, dried, edible, liquid, concentrates, seeds or live plant material) or the possession of paraphernalia associated with the consumption of cannabis by any person on District properties and at any District activities or events. This provision supersedes any municipal bylaw, provincial or other law that may allow for the legal possession or consumption of cannabis in a particular venue or by persons over 18 years of age.

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Reference: Administrative Procedure 163 - Possession, Use or Consumption of Tobacco, Cannabis and Other Inhalants

Section 20, 60, 61, 96, 113, 117 School Act

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