

Purpose

Fraser Academy is committed to the health and safety of its students and anyone attending the School. The School recognizes that the use of Alcohol, Cannabis, Illicit Drugs, Tobacco, Vapour Products and Medications, and Impairment can have serious effects on students and the learning environment. The School is committed to preventing substance use and impairment on School Property and at all times during School Hours.

Scope

This Policy applies to all students of the School.

Definitions

“Alcohol” means the intoxicating agent in beverage alcohol, ethyl alcohol, or other low molecular weight alcohols including methyl and isopropyl alcohol.

“Cannabis” means marijuana, cannabis, or derivatives legally obtained after the coming into force of the Cannabis Act on October 17, 2018 to legalize and regulate cannabis in Canada.

“Impaired or Impairment ” means a deterioration or diminishment of an individual’s physiological ability, functioning, judgment or condition resulting from, but not limited to, the use or after-effects of Illicit Drugs, Alcohol, Medication and/or Cannabis.

“Illicit Drugs” means any drug or substance which is not legally obtainable and/or the use, sale, possession, purchase or transfer of which is restricted or prohibited by law.

“Medication” means any substance the use of which has the potential to change or adversely affect the way a person thinks, feels, or acts, and that was obtained legally over-the-counter or through a doctor’s prescription. It includes marijuana prescribed by a doctor under the Government of Canada’s Cannabis for Medicinal Purposes Regulations.

“School Hours” means the hours of the day when the School is open to students, whether or not classes are in session, or any time a student is away from the School on a School-organized trip including but not limited to times when a student is not actively participating in activities or pursuits organized by the School, but is otherwise away from their normal residence due to their involvement in the School-organized trip.

“School Property” includes but is not limited to all real or personal property, facilities, land, buildings, parking lots, sidewalk, boulevard or similar component that abuts both school property and any roadway used by the general public for the passage of vehicles, equipment and vehicles, whether owned, leased or used by the School and wherever located.

“Tobacco” means tobacco leaves or products provided from tobacco in any form or for any use.

“Vapour Products” means a solid, liquid or gas that, on being heated, produces a vapour for use in an e-cigarette, regardless of whether the solid, liquid, or gas contains nicotine.

Responsibilities

All students are prohibited from possessing, manufacturing, offering for sale, sharing, selling, distributing, consuming, using or being impaired by Alcohol, Cannabis, Illicit Drugs, Medications, Tobacco or Vapour Products during School Hours whether on or off School Property. Students breaching this policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with the School's Community Standards Policy.

If a student is required to use Medication, the guardian must advise the School and provide medical confirmation regarding the Medication, in which case the School will consider whether an accommodation can be provided. Guardians are required to disclose Medication use prior to the student's attendance at the School, and must disclose any proposed changes to Medication to the School. Students are not permitted to attend at School using Medication until after disclosure is made and the School has determined an accommodation process.

If a student has a substance use problem or addiction related to Alcohol, Cannabis, Illicit Drugs or Medication, the guardian must disclose the substance use problem or addiction to the Head of School or designate, the School will consider an accommodation process. Students will not be disciplined for disclosing that he/she has a substance abuse problem or addiction.