



ED200.005 SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION POLICY

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PURPOSE: LCS is committed to maintaining a culture of grace, love and safety where the likelihood of student exposure to harmful substances is reduced and we take seriously our role as ambassadors of Christ in our community.

1. Purchasing or providing tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vaporizers to anyone under 19 is illegal in British Columbia <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/keeping-bc-healthy-safe/tobacco-vapour/legislation>
2. Drug and alcohol use, cannabis consumption of any kind, smoking or vaping of any form is prohibited by LCS students, including any time where students formally or informally represent LCS in the community, off-campus or outside of regular school operating hours.
3. Possession of drugs, cannabis products, alcohol, tobacco, and/or e-cigarette and vaporizing products for the purpose of trafficking, distribution or providing substances to other students will result in immediate suspension and possible expulsion from school.
4. Students who bring banned substances, including e-cigarettes or vaporizers, on to school property or on extra-curricular LCS excursions will receive an immediate suspension and confiscation. Repeat offenses will result in escalating disciplinary action (see discipline policy).
5. Confiscated substances and products will be turned over to proper law enforcement authorities, disposed of, and/or destroyed by the principal or designate.
6. Students who are found to be consuming banned substances or in possession of banned substances inside or outside of school hours will be immediately prohibited from representing the LCS community on all field trips, athletic teams, and all other off-campus events for a duration determined by administration.
7. RESTORATION:
 - 7.1. Restoration is contingent on the student serving a probationary period where there is a commitment to action (by the student and student's family) that includes accessing community resources and establishing a treatment plan or contract between the student and school to discontinue use, consumption and/or possession.
 - 7.2. Every effort will be made by LCS faculty to partner with parents of students who violate the banned substance policy and to assist them in accessing community services such as health and addiction counselling resources.
 - 7.3. In the interests of harm reduction, LCS faculty will make every effort to educate students and dialogue openly about the health risks and community harm posed by banned substances.