



2205 SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION POLICY

Policy Type: Educational Programs
Applies To: All Staff, Students,
Approved By: LCS Head of Schools
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1. PURPOSE:

- (a) 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. LCS is also committed upholding the values, and moral limitations God instructs us to obey in the interests of community health.
- (b) Schools are required to regulate and enforce policies regarding student use of illegal and harmful substances: [Legislation - Province of British Columbia](#)

2. SCOPE

- (a) These policies apply to all employees, volunteers, parents, caregivers and students.
- (b) These policies may be applied at the school's discretion to incidents during and outside regular school hours or school sanctioned activities.

3. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- (a) **Alcohol:** Possession, consumption, sale, or distribution of alcohol during school events or at any time outside of school hours is strictly prohibited.
- (b) **Drugs (Legal and Illegal):** This includes illegal drugs, prescription drugs without a valid prescription, over-the-counter medication used improperly, and drug paraphernalia.
- (c) **Vape Products (E-Cigarettes):** Use, possession, or sale of vape products, including e-cigarettes and vape pens, on school grounds or during school events is not allowed. This covers nicotine, THC, and any other substance.
- (d) **Tobacco and Nicotine Products:** The use, possession, or distribution of any tobacco or nicotine products, including chewable forms, is prohibited.

- (e) **Other Prohibited Substances:** Any synthetic drugs or other controlled substances not covered above, such as inhalants or performance-enhancing drugs.

4. POLICIES:

- (a) Purchasing or providing tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vaporizers to anyone under 19 is illegal in British Columbia.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Students who bring banned substances, including e-cigarettes or vaporizers, onto school property or on extra-curricular LCS excursions will receive an immediate suspension and confiscation.
- (e) Repeat offenses will result in escalating disciplinary action (see 2201 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT).
- (f) Confiscated substances and products will be turned over to proper law enforcement authorities, disposed of, and/or destroyed by the principal or designate.
- (g) Law enforcement authorities will be notified in the event of any illegal activity or possession.
- (h) 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.

5. RESTORATION & REHABILITATION PROCEDURES:

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.

6. DETECTION AND REPORTING

- (a) **Random Searches:** At its discretion, school administration will conduct locker and personal property (including vehicles) searches if there is reasonable suspicion of substance possession or use.

- (b) Mandatory Reporting: Students, staff and volunteers are required to report any known or suspected substance abuse issues. Confidentiality will be respected wherever possible.
- (c) Screening: School administration reserves the right to conduct substance screenings (e.g., alcohol or drug testing) in cases where students are suspected of being under the influence during school hours or events.

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