



## POLICY #5.31

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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## PREAMBLE

While this policy deals with substance abuse intervention, the Burnaby School Board remains committed to creating safe and healthy learning environments. The Board supports efforts designed to prevent and intervene in substance abuse among students. These efforts include the development and delivery of educational resources, the promotion of prevention programs, and the implementation of school and community -based efforts aimed at supporting students known to have abused alcohol or illicit substances.

## POLICY

THE USE OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER ILLICIT SUBSTANCES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY IS CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF THE BURNABY SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT AND THEREFORE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND, IF NECESSARY, THE INVOLVEMENT OF POLICE.

## DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this document, the word substance refers to:

1. Alcohol, including beer, wine, cider or spirits, and/or
2. Drugs which are prohibited under the Controlled Drugs & Substances Act, or anything which contains such a substance, unless the person possessing or consuming the restricted substance is authorized to possess the substance.

## REGULATIONS

### DUTIES OF STAFF

1. When, in the course of their duties, any school district staff member has reason to believe that any Burnaby student;
  - a. is in direct or indirect possession of;
  - b. is placing themselves



## PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

1. When a school administrator has reason to believe a student is in direct or indirect possession of a substance as defined above while attending school or involved in an official school function, the administrator shall:
  - a. interview the student to determine the validity of the information;
  - b. ask the student to produce any illegal or prohibited substances in their possession or in their locker;