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TITLE:	DRUG EDUCATION POLICY	REGULATIONS	YES
		PROCEDURES	YES
		MANUAL	NO

POLICY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, the District School Board Ontario North East is committed to the prevention of substance abuse,

WHEREAS, concerns exist with the use and abuse of illicit drugs, alcohol and some substances that are not necessarily illegal,

WHEREAS, the schools of the District School Board Ontario North East can play an important part in equipping students with the values and skills towards making responsible decisions about illicit drugs, alcohol and tobacco, through various curricula.

WHEREAS, discipline procedures take into account the rights and responsibilities of both the individual and others. The rights of parents to be fully informed and the responsibility of parents to be involved in both discipline and the rehabilitation of their children have been considered.

WHEREAS, where an illegal act has occurred the school must, as dictated in the Violence Prevention Policy, inform the police. Where it appears the student is at risk the school has the responsibility to provide support to the student, including the involvement of community agencies.

WHEREAS, according the Code of Behaviour Policy, in conjunction with the Ontario Schools Code of Conduct, there is an expectation that students come to school free from the influence of illicit drugs, alcohol, inhalants, and prescription drugs used for the purpose of intoxication. For this reason, students are forbidden to use such substances on school property, and/or on buses under contract with the Board or at school-sponsored activities.

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POLICY STATEMENT (Cont'd)

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the District School Board Ontario North East is committed to doing everything in its power to encourage students within its jurisdiction to make healthy lifestyle decisions regarding substance use/abuse. That drugs include illicit drugs, alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, and prescription drugs used for the purpose of intoxication and without the authority of a physician. They do not include drugs prescribed by a physician or over-the-counter medications used by an adult or with the permission of a parent or a guardian.

That it is the goal of District School Board Ontario North East that the health and safety of all students be protected. Every effort will be made to provide support and counselling for students involved in a substance use/abuse incident. In addition disciplinary actions for dealing with students involved in substance use/abuse or possession of illicit drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and inhalants on Board property, and/or on buses under contract with the Board or at school sponsored activities shall be outlined in this policy.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

1. The responsibility of the Drug Education Policy rests with the Director of Education through the superintendents, principal and vice-principals of each school.
2. The Drug Education Policy will be outlined in the school's student handbook, which will be distributed to students at the beginning of each school year and at time of entry for new students.
3. It is the responsibility of the staff and employees of the District School Board Ontario North East to report a reasonable suspicion of an incident of substance use/abuse to the principal or vice-principal.
4. The implementation of the Drug Education Policy will improve communication between the school, parents and community support agencies.

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OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES A. The Management of Tobacco and Tobacco-Related Incidents: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No student will smoke, inhale, or chew tobacco in the school or on school board property and/or on buses under contract with the Board or at school-sponsored activities unless within the designated area.2. No student in possession of tobacco products shall supply such tobacco products to a student under the legal age to purchase such products.3. In conjunction with the summons, the principal or designate has the right to suspend the student in violation of the above for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days.4. The principal or designate will advise the parent/guardian of the offence and the disciplinary action taken.5. The Principal or designate may recommend, "stop smoking" programs for repeat offenders. Definition: This applies to tobacco in any processed or unprocessed form that may be smoked, inhaled, chewed, including snuff, but does not apply to products intended for use in nicotine replacement therapy. Smoking is defined as holding lit smoking material.	
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B. The Management of Alcohol/Illicit and Prescription Drugs/Inhalants and Related Incidents for the Purpose of Intoxication:

1. No alcoholic/illicit and prescription drugs/inhalants of any type for the purpose of intoxication are permitted under any circumstances in the school or on school board property and/or on buses under contract with the Board or at school sponsored activities.
2. Where students are involved regardless of age, alcoholic beverages will not be available to anyone at any banquet or event that is sponsored by, or operated in the name of any school under the jurisdiction of the District School Board Ontario North East.
3. Where a school sponsored event takes place off school board property, and students are involved, the following shall apply:
 - a) the location be a non-licensed establishment, or
 - b) no special permit shall be sought, or
 - c) if the location is licensed, no alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the banquet or event area.
4. Any student enrolled in a school operated by District School Board Ontario North East found to be in possession of or judged to be under the influence of alcohol/illicit and prescription drugs taken for the purpose of intoxication while on board property and/or school bus or while participating in any school function, regardless of location shall be suspended from school not to exceed ten (10) school days.
5. If the incident occurs at a school-sponsored activity, the student shall be prohibited from participating in the same kind of activity for a period not to exceed one school year.
6. When the principal or designate has reasonable suspicion that alcohol/illicit and prescription drugs/inhalants are contained in a student's locker or desk, the police should be immediately contacted.
7. When the principal or designate has reasonable suspicion that alcohol/illicit and prescription drugs/inhalants are contained in a student's locker or desk, the Principal or designate is authorized to search such locker and/or desk. It is recommended to have a witness present.

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OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES 8. If the Principal or designate, in finding the information is sufficient will immediately contact the parent/guardian and/or convene a meeting of the student, parent/guardian and other appropriate persons to outline and proceed with the appropriate course of action. 9. The Principal or designate shall arrange for careful monitoring of the student while in the school's custody and the safe departure of the student from the school property or school-sponsored activity by either the parent, legal guardian, police or ambulance. 10. The Principal or designate may require, as a condition of return after the suspension, that the student be attending appropriate counselling sessions. The Principal or designate may determine the length of time for which counselling is to be sought. C. The Management of Alcohol Illicit and Prescription Drugs/Inhalants and Related Incidents for the Purposes of Trafficking Definition: <i>Trafficking: when there is sufficient evidence (with the advice of law enforcement personnel) that a person has delivered, sold or given alcohol/illicit or prescription drugs/inhalants to another person.</i> 1. No student shall traffic in alcohol/illicit, prescription drugs/inhalants in the school or on school board property and/or on buses under contract with the board or at school-sponsored activities. The Police and Canine Unit may be invited to do drug searches of lockers and/or classrooms of schools. 2. Staff members must report any and all reasonable suspicions to the principal or designate. 3. Where a student is in contravention of the above the police will be immediately contacted and the parent/guardian will be advised. 4. The student will be immediately suspended for the maximum twenty (20) days and the principal, in consultation with the Regional Supervisory Officer, may initiate procedures pursuant to the <u>Education Act</u> , which may lead to expulsion. 5. The Principal or designate may require, as a condition of return after the suspension, that the student be attending appropriate counselling sessions. The Principal or designate may determine the length of time for which counselling is to be sought.	
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OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES D. The Management of Sports Performance and/or Appearance Enhancement Through Drug Abuse Related Incidents: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No student shall use non-prescription/prescription drugs to improve athletic performance or enhance appearance.2. Staff members will report reasonable suspicion to the principal or designate.3. When the principal or designate has a reasonable suspicion that a student is in contravention of the above, the parent or guardian will be immediately contacted.4. The Principal or designate may recommend counselling regarding the use/abuse of these drugs.5. A student in contravention of the above will be immediately suspended for ten (10) school days. Further to the suspension, the student will be prohibited from participating in school sports for a period not to exceed one school year.	
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