

**SUBSTANCE USE FOR STUDENTS
POLICY
Freedom Thinkers Education
PBL Society**

Purpose of this Policy

Freedom Thinkers Education is committed to the health and safety of its students and anyone attending the School. The School recognizes that the use of drugs, tobacco, vapour products, alcohol, certain medications, and impairment generally can have serious effects on students and the learning environment. Accordingly, the School is committed to preventing substance use and impairment on School property, and at all times during school hours.

Scope of this Policy

This Policy applies to all students of the School.

The Policy

The School strictly prohibits students from possessing, manufacturing, offering, selling, distributing, consuming, or using drugs, tobacco, vapour products, or alcohol during school hours, whether on or off school property.

Students breaching this policy may be subject to discipline in accordance with the School's Code of Conduct.

Definitions

Drug(s): includes but is not limited to any substance which affects a person's physical or mental capacity or functioning, which causes a marked change in consciousness, or which has a physiological effect when ingested or otherwise introduced into the body, and includes both legal and illegal forms of such substances, but does not include medications taken pursuant to a valid prescription, and in accordance with a physician's directions.

Impaired or Impairment: a deterioration or diminishment of an individual's physiological ability, functioning, judgment, or condition, and includes but is not limited to being unable to function as that individual does under normal or usual conditions, or safely because of intoxication by any substance.

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.

Substance Use Disorder: means a condition in which the recurrent use of alcohol, drugs, medication, or any other substance causes impairment of daily life, such as health problems, disability, and failure to meet responsibilities at work, school, or home, and includes the conditions classified as substance use disorders in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual Of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition, as amended.

Tobacco: means tobacco leaves or products produced 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.

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