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**Background/Purpose:**

To reflect the Board’s mandated responsibility for providing a welcoming, inclusive, safe and healthy learning and working environment .

**Policy Statement:**

The Board of Directors believes that in the presence of students the consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or cannabis products in schools or at school-sanctioned student functions is inappropriate. This includes, but is not limited to vaporizers, oils, edibles, snuff, e-cigarettes, hookahs, and other related devices/products.

**1. Alcohol**

- a. The possession and/or consumption of alcohol is prohibited at:
  - i) District facilities which are used for the accommodation of students,
  - ii) all student functions held at a District facility or sponsored by the District.
  
- b. The Superintendent may authorize the serving of alcohol:
  - i) at non-student functions sponsored by the District; and
  - ii) in District facilities.
  - iii) Subject to the approval of the Superintendent, the consumption of alcoholic beverages may be permitted outside school property at school-sanctioned functions that do not include students. Subject to the Superintendent’s approval, students may be permitted to perform or attend events at venues where alcoholic beverages are available to non-students (**adults**).
  
- c. The serving of alcohol as per Section A.2 requires written approval from the Superintendent as well as the obtaining of a liquor license from *Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis*.
  
- d. Adult possession of sealed alcohol is permitted as part of a personal gift for an adult or as a donation to a District-sponsored fundraiser. In these situations, alcohol should be handled in a discreet manner.

**2. Tobacco and Tobacco-Like Products**

- a. The consumption of tobacco or tobacco-like products is prohibited on and in school property or at District-sponsored events.
  
- b. Adult possession of tobacco and tobacco-like products should not be visible or interfere with the operations of the learning and working environment.
  
- c. Traditional use of tobacco for ceremonial purposes is permitted on District property or at District functions.

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**3. Cannabis**

- a. The possession and/or consumption of cannabis is prohibited on and in District property or at District functions.
  - b. Notwithstanding the above, the possession and/or consumption of cannabis may be permitted for medical accommodations only when prior approval has been obtained for students according to AR 6101.
4. No funds belonging to or administered by the school may be used to purchase or reimburse anyone for the purchase of alcohol, tobacco, or cannabis products. This includes monies from fundraising campaigns conducted by any person or entity affiliated with the school. The only exception is for tobacco if associated with specific religious/ceremonial events and with prior approval by the Principal.

**Accountability:**

Monitored by Board of Directors, Superintendent

**Reference:**

- Cannabis Act Bill C-45*
- Clarity on Cannabis FAQ for Educators Alberta Health Services*
- Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act*
- Gaming, Liquor Cannabis Act*