



Drug and Alcohol Policy

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Policy Spirit and Intent

All drugs/alcohol have the potential to harm, but some drugs are more harmful than others. For some people, drug use leads to serious and far-reaching consequences not only for themselves, but their families, their communities, and society in general. For young people in particular drugs can impact their education, their relationships with family and friends, and prevent them from reaching their full potential.

Young people need to be able to make safe, healthy, and responsible decisions about drugs, both legal and illegal. Schools play a central role in helping them make such decisions by providing education about the risk and effects of drugs; by developing their confidence and skills to manage situations involving drugs, by creating a safe and supportive learning environment, and by ensuring that those for whom drugs are a concern receive appropriate support.

Chalo School has a zero tolerance policy towards the possession, use, or supply of illegal, and other unauthorized drugs/ alcohol within the school boundaries

Rationale

The influence and effects of drug or alcohol use on individuals, families, and communities are evident in society. For the purpose of these guidelines a drug is defined as "any substance, that when introduced to the body can alter physical and/or psychological structure or function".

Policy Statement

Chalo School promotes a drug/alcohol free environment. This policy and procedures combine both a prevention and intervention approach to drug education, which is consistent and planned.

Prevention

- 1.1. A range of preventative strategies is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle.
 - a. The school provides Physical and Health Education for grades 4 – 10, the program is delivered by teachers facilitators who are appropriately trained. Professional development for all staff is provided to ensure current and relevant drug information is available.
 - b. The student services team maintains a support link with appropriate agencies and provides opportunities for parents/students to receive drug related information or learn about and discuss drug related issues.

Intervention

- 2.1. The intervention procedure is designed to respond to drug/alcohol use incidents in a way that is in the best interest of all concerned, while also conforming to legal requirements. The school does not permit students, in their care, (either while on the school premises or at a school function at any other venue) to:
 - a. Smoke and/or sell tobacco products
 - b. Consume and/or possess alcoholic beverages
 - c. Deliberately inhale solvents
 - d. Possess and/or use illegal drugs



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- e. Possess and/or use drug related equipment such as syringes, bonges, pipes, etc.
- f. Possess excessive amounts of legal drugs and/or prescribed drugs

******The only staff member permitted to administer analgesics, or oversee the use of diabetic syringes is the Fort Nelson First Nation Nurse or person acting on his/her behalf during his/her absence, as delegated by the Principal.***

Procedures

3.1. Responding to Incidents of drug and alcohol use; in a situation where drug use is suspected, administration will contact the Health & Wellness department for assistance. An assessment of the condition of the student will be made. The student will then be taken to the administrator who will investigate the situation.

Consequences for violations of this policy:

4.1 Violations of this policy will result in the following consequences:

1st Offence The parent/guardian will be contacted and the student will be required to attend a meeting with the principal. An appointment for counselling regarding the effects of drug use will be made and at the discretion of administration, the student may be sent home for the day.

2nd Offence The parent/ guardian will be contacted. The offences will result in suspension and the student will have to attend a minimum of four (4) drug and alcohol counselling sessions. Once the student has attended one session, he or she may return to school but a signed note from the counsellor must be submitted weekly to the school administrator. If a note is not submitted and/or the student is not attending counselling, the student will be suspended until counselling is reconvened.

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Approved, Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the Chalo Independent School Society Community Education Authority (Board).

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