

# **SD73 Drug and Alcohol Policy**

Effective Date, July 9, 2012

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON)  
POLICY 606.1

## **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS**

The Board of Education believes in providing students with a learning environment conducive to maximizing their intellectual, physical, social and emotional development. The presence of alcohol and other drugs interferes with that learning environment.

Students affected by alcohol and other drugs may harm themselves and negatively impact others and the learning environment. The Board is committed to preserving the health and safety of all students. The Board is concerned with the disruption of the learning environment for all students and recognizes that students, staff and others affected by such disruption must be protected.

The Board accepts the concept of substance use as treatable and recognizes that this problem in schools cannot be solved solely by suspending those students who are involved. The Board will strive to maintain a balance between compassion and aid for students seeking help for substance use problems and the protection of the learning environment.

The Board expects students to be completely free of alcohol and other drugs while under the jurisdiction of the District. For the purpose of this policy, jurisdiction of the District includes extra-curricular activities sponsored by the school and extra-curricular activities which take place at a school other than the school attended by the student, including activities outside of the geographic location of the District.

For the purposes of this policy, 'using' includes having used or consumed alcohol or other drugs at any time during any day when the student is or will be under the jurisdiction of the District as set out above. Any student using, possessing or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs while under the jurisdiction of the District will be suspended by the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, principal or vice-principal in accordance with the provisions of Policy 600.2.

## **Alcohol and Other Drug Policy as it Pertains to Athletics**

606.2

The Board of Education believes there is no place for alcohol or drugs in sports.

Any Athlete who violates policy 606.1 at an athletic event will be suspended from athletics for a calendar year.

Any Athlete who violates policy 606.1 at a non-athletic even will be suspended for the current season of play.