

**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
SECTION C: STUDENTS**

<b>TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE</b>	<b>POLICY</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE:</b> 2000 12 01 / 2006 02 01 / 2013 03 05 / 2013 11 26	

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board, per the Education Act, is responsible for the well-being and education of the students in its care. The Board believes that awareness of the hazards of tobacco, alcohol and drugs is essential for a healthy life-style. An important element of the education of its students requires that Board staff hold students accountable for their behaviour and activities.

**POLICY GOAL:**

The Board will work in partnership with students, parents, law enforcement agencies, community agencies, groups and parishes to help young people avoid the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

**DEFINITIONS:**

*School Property* means not only a school building and property, but includes out-of-classroom programs, activities and facilities approved by or under the jurisdiction of the Board

*Principal* means a principal or his/her designate

*Parent* means a parent or person having legal custody of a student

*Alcohol* means all substances defined as liquor in the Liquor Licence Act

*Illicit Drugs* include:

- a) drugs named in the Narcotic Control Act, such as: opiates, cocaine and cannabis;
- b) drugs in Part 4 of the Food and Drugs Act, such as: LSD, STP, MDA and other hallucinogenic drugs;
- c) anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing drugs;
- d) drugs in Part 3 of the Food and Drugs Act, such as: amphetamines and barbiturates and other prescription drugs not prescribed by a physician for the individual in question.

*Non-illicit Drugs* include all solvents and inhalants, for example: glue, gasoline and some aerosol products

*Search of the student's locker and the personal effects in the locker* means a search of the locker and of the student's personal belongings exclusive of the person of the student, with a witness present if possible. If possible the student should be requested to open the locker and empty all personal belongings.

*Search of the person of the student and student's personal effects not in the locker* means a voluntary search of all clothing, purses, knapsacks etc., of the student. School personnel, with a

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witness present, are to request the student to empty all personal effects from clothing and purses/knapsacks.

*Intoxication* means being under the influence of alcohol, drugs (illicit and non-illicit), and other substances such as glue, solvents and aerosol inhalants.

*Possession* means having in their possession or under their control alcohol, or non-medical or illicit drugs and other substances.

*Supplying or Selling* means selling or distributing alcohol, or drugs and other substances.

#### *Search and Seizure/Confiscation*

- a) A principal has an obligation to carrying out his/her duty to maintain proper order and discipline in the school, has a discretion to deal with minor incidents on his/her own, or to involve parents and/or police.
- b) In order to exercise this discretion the principal must know the nature and extent of the offence. This requires the principal to investigate any credible allegation of drug use/possession or selling.
- c) If the principal has reasonable grounds for believing that a search will turn up evidence that a student has violated, or is violating, either the law or the rules of the school, such a search may be justified. The search should not be excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction.

*Tobacco* means all tobacco products such as cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, cut tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, etc.

*Confidentiality* refers to the obligation to refrain from voluntarily disclosing any information which has been received in confidence. This is mitigated by what is in the best interests of the student.