



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

ALCOHOL, CANNABIS AND OTHER DRUGS POLICY

You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you shall neither drink the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm shall eat them. - Deuteronomy 28:39

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Vision: IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.

Mission: Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2022 - 2025

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report provides recommended updates to the Alcohol, Cannabis and Other Drugs Policy (formerly S.S.03) to comply with the expectations in the recently updated Ministry of Education's updated Policy/Program Memorandum 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct and the June 2023 GAP pending item.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 25 hours.

B. PURPOSE

The report proposes updates to the Alcohol, Cannabis and Other Drugs Policy to address expectations outlined in Policy/Program Memorandum 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The policy was last updated on January 29, 2021.
2. In June 2023, GAP referred the proposed updated policy back to staff:
That the Update to Alcohol, Cannabis and Other Drugs Policy S.S.03 be referred back to Staff to include immediate communication to parent(s)/guardian(s) throughout the Policy; and That Staff explore language that will address expectations of Staff that can be embedded in Policy (Update to Alcohol, Cannabis and Other Drugs Policy S.S.03).
3. On April 28, 2024, the Ministry of Education updated PPM 128 and expects school boards to have updated policies in place by September 1, 2024.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The proposed updated policy will be formatted into the new policy template.
2. Proposed new regulations comply with the Ministry's direction on parent and police notification.
3. The updated regulations on parental(s)/guardian(s) notification align with GAP's request.
4. Staff are captured in an updated regulation.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. The policy will be reviewed in 2029.
2. Local Safe and Accepting Schools Teams will review local data related to the number of incidents involving smoking, alcohol, cannabis, or illegal drugs (use,

possession, trafficking) to inform their annual Safe Schools Plan and establish yearly local priorities.

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the revised Alcohol, Cannabis and Other Drugs Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean), be approved.