



Procedure – Drugs and Alcohol

Casebrook Intermediate School will uphold its legal duty to prohibit the use and abuse of illegal substances.

Illegal Drugs are defined as any illegal substance as defined by the law, any therapeutic drug used by someone for whom it was not prescribed, any solvent abused rather than its intended purpose.

Parents will inform the school of any legal drug or medicines that a student must carry and use at school or on any school-related activity.

- Legally prescribed drugs will be administered by an authorised person in the medical room.
- Staff will not consume alcohol or illegal drugs when in the company of students or be under the influence when they have responsibility for students.
- Alcohol is not permitted on EOTC activities.
- Alcohol is permitted in school functions where students are not present.

Prevention

Alcohol and Drug programmes will be taught as part of ongoing integrated Health education across the school.

Guidelines for dealing with misuse of drugs or alcohol

1. Staff who suspects that a fellow staff member is misusing drugs or alcohol should discuss the situation with the Principal or Chairperson of the Board of Trustees if the person concerned is the Principal.
2. Staff who suspect that a student is misusing drugs or alcohol should discuss the situation with a senior staff member first, rather than confront the pupil.
3. Staff will not initiate body searches of pupils, searches of personal belongings will be carried out under the guidelines of search and seizure procedure.
4. Staff discovering a pupil in possession of illegal drugs or alcohol or substances, or equipment for use of such (eg syringes) will remove the pupil(s) to a senior staff member
5. The Principal should notify parents if there is evidence or a strong suspicion of drug or alcohol misuse.
6. The school has the legal right under current legislation to call in specialist services if a pupil is at risk.
7. The Principal may suspend any student found in possession of any illegal drug and bring him/her before the Board of Trustees.
8. The Principal may enforce disciplinary proceedings if any staff member found in possession of any illegal drugs.
9. The school will co-operate fully with Police officers in pursuit of their enquires as it is bound under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975.