

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

Reference No. 240

Effective Date
March 22, 2004

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR – DISCIPLINE

The Board of School Trustees of School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson) believes that every student has the potential to be a self-disciplined, positive, contributing member of society. The Board also believes students have a right to receive their education in a safe, nurturing, education environment.

REGULATIONS

- #240-1 Code of Conduct
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- #240-3 Alcohol and Other Drugs
- #240-4 Alcohol and Other Drugs – Student Athletes
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- #240-6 Discipline

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Reference No. 240-1

Effective Date
September 24, 2007

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is intended to encourage acceptable student behaviour in order to establish and maintain a safe, respectful and caring learning environment. This code will clarify expectations for student behaviour while at school, while going to and from school, and while attending any school function or activity at any location.

Acceptable Conduct includes the following:

Students are expected to:

- Respect themselves, others, and property;
- Attend school regularly and be punctual for all classes;
- Engage in purposeful learning activities and set high standards for personal achievement;
- Show consideration for diversity: the thoughts, feelings, and heritage of others;
- Use electronic systems in a respectful, responsible, and ethical manner;
- Conduct themselves in a polite, respectful, and co-operative manner;
- Dress in a manner that appropriately reflects a school environment.

Unacceptable Conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

Students are expected NOT to:

- Engage in behaviours that interfere with the learning of others;
- Engage in behaviours that create unsafe conditions;
- Bully, harass or intimidate others;
- Engage in physical violence;
- Retaliate against a person who has reported incidents;
- Possess, use, or distribute illegal or restricted substances;
- Possess or use weapons;
- Damage property;
- Use personal technology devices, such as cell phones or cameras, during the school day except where expressly authorized.

Students who contravene this Code of Conduct will be subject to progressive discipline, reflective of the age of the student, and the severity and frequency of the unacceptable conduct. The discipline will be fair, consistent, and meaningful, for the purpose of making restitution and enhancing student responsibility and self-discipline.

School officials will notify parents, school district officials, and other agencies as deemed appropriate for any particular incident.

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STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The Board of School Trustees of School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson) recognizes the importance of regular student attendance. Reasons for absences must be acceptable to the principal.

Schools shall develop policies and procedures that encourage regular school attendance.

REGULATIONS

- 1 . Principals may accept student absences for participation in community activities that complement the school program.
2. Students are expected to be responsible for their actions including attendance and punctuality at school. When it appears to the school staff and administration that a student's attendance is irresponsible, due disciplinary process will be followed.
- 3 . In the event that a student is excessively absent without approval the principal may withhold final school marks and/or course credit until course requirements are met.

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

Reference No. 240-3

Effective Date
February 5, 2007

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

The Board of School Trustees 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 School District. For the purpose of this policy, jurisdiction of the School 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 School 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 School District as set out above. Any student using, possessing or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs while under the jurisdiction of the School District will be suspended by the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary, Assistant Superintendent-Elementary or the Principal in accordance with the provisions of Policy #240 "Student Behaviour – Discipline" and the regulations of #240-6 "Discipline".

REGULATIONS

1. Students are expected to be free of alcohol and other drugs. Students found to be using, under the influence and/or in possession of alcohol or other drugs or exhibiting physical characteristics that indicate recent use such as odours, affected behaviour etc., will be subject to the following consequences:-
 - a.) First Offence
 - i) For incidental or minor involvement, the student will be suspended for up to five school days. For cases other than those of minor or incidental involvement, the Principal or Vice-Principal will suspend the student for a period of time determined by the Principal or Vice-Principal in consultation with the Superintendent or designate.

- ii) The Principal or Vice-Principal, in consultation with the Superintendent or designate, may recommend counseling through school or appropriate Community Services. The suspension may be reduced by the Principal or Vice-Principal after consideration of the reports provided as a result of the counseling.

b) Subsequent Offence

In addition to any consequences which may be imposed pursuant to a) First Offence, as set out above, the Principal or Vice-Principal will suspend the student and refer the student to the Superintendent for a disciplinary hearing in accordance with Policy #240 "Student Behaviour – Discipline" and the regulations of #240-6 "Discipline".

2. Students found to be involved in the selling and/or supplying of alcohol or other drugs will be subject to the following consequences:
 - a) The student will be suspended and referred to the Superintendent's Office for a disciplinary hearing.
 - b) The student will be issued notice to immediately leave the school in which the student is registered and will be directed that the student is not to enter any school or other property owned by School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), with the intention that this direction will be consistent with Section 177 of the *School Act*, such that if the student does enter on any lands or premises owned by School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), that student will be committing an offence contrary to Section 177 of the *School Act*; this direction will be in effect from the date of commencement of the suspension and will continue until such time as the Superintendent or designate amends or sets aside the direction.
3. Students should be aware that the Principal or Vice-Principal will consult with the RCMP. The Principal or Vice-Principal or any teacher who finds illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia has been authorized to confiscate those illegal drugs or paraphernalia on behalf of the school and will turn those over to the RCMP together with a report as to the source of the drugs and/or drug paraphernalia.

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

Reference No. 240-4

Effective Date
July 4, 2005

**ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS – STUDENT ATHLETES
POLICY**

The Board of School Trustees believes there is no place for alcohol or other drugs in sports.

REGULATIONS

1. The suspensions set out in this policy are in addition to any discipline which may be imposed pursuant to Policy #240-3 “Alcohol and Other Drugs”. For the purposes of this policy, an “Athlete” is a student who is participating in a school sport and who has signed a *Student Athlete’s Code of Conduct*. For the purposes of this policy, ‘participation’ includes tryouts, exhibition play, season of play and playoffs.
2. (a) Any Athlete who violates School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson) Policy #240-3 “Alcohol and Other Drugs” at any athletic event under the jurisdiction of the School District will be suspended from participation in the athletic program for one calendar year from the date of violation.

(b) Any Athlete who violates School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson) Policy #240-3 “Alcohol and Other Drugs” at any non-athletic event under the jurisdiction of the School District or under the jurisdiction of any other school district while representing his or her school or School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson) will be suspended from participation in the athletic program for the season of play as defined in the current British Columbia School Sports Handbook.
3. Before the Athlete can be reinstated, the Athlete and parent or guardian must have a formal meeting with the Athletic Director and the Principal to discuss further participation in school athletics.
4. Nothing herein is to be interpreted so as to prevent the Athlete from attendance at regular physical education classes during school time.

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SEARCH OF SCHOOL LOCKERS

Each secondary school will include in its school policy a section outlining acceptable use of school lockers. Such a section should also advise that school officials may search lockers at any time and without prior notice in order to ensure compliance with the conditions of use and other school policies and rules.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON)
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Reference No. 240-6

Effective Date
February 5, 2007

DISCIPLINE

1. Application of Policy No. 240

This policy applies to any student who is on school property, who is in attendance at school, or at any school sponsored activity or whose conduct at any time or any place interferes with or obstructs the missions or operations of the School District or the safety or welfare of students or employees.

When the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary, Assistant Superintendent-Elementary, or a Principal judges student behaviour to be in conflict with the learning environment, or when progressive interventions have failed to correct inappropriate behaviour, that person may discipline a student.

2. Discipline

Discipline can consist of:

- a) suspending a student;
- b) suspending a student from attendance at school in the District and arranging for a transfer of the student to another school in the District.
- c) suspending a student pending the student entering into a behaviour contract, safety plan or other appropriate program; where the disciplinary hearing results from a subsequent offence under Policy #240-3 "Alcohol and Other Drugs", the student's educational setting and conditions for re-admittance to an educational program may be determined as part of a disciplinary hearing.
- d) any student suspended for five days or more pursuant to c) above may at the discretion of the Principal or Vice-Principal be given a directed suspension. Students receiving a "Directed Suspension" will be expected to adhere to the following:
 - i) Students must have punctual and consistent attendance at the Directed Suspension site.
 - ii) Students must meet the behavioural expectations as set out by the Directed Suspension teacher.
 - iii) Students must satisfactorily complete coursework assigned to them during the duration of the Directed Suspension.

3. Regulations

- a) Suspensions of over five days requires consultation with the Superintendent's office.
- b) Suspension in excess of fifteen school days requires review and approval of the Board of

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- c) When a student under the age of 16 years of age is suspended the school will provide an educational program.
- d) Parents and students should be made aware that discipline decisions made by the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary, Assistant Superintendent-Elementary or the Principal in this regard are subject to appeal to the Board as provided by the *School Act* and Board Policy No. 401 "Appeals Bylaw".
- e) The Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary, Assistant Superintendent-Elementary and the Principal will ensure due process is followed and that discipline is appropriate to the violation.