

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

REGULATION SERIES 500 - STUDENT POPULATION

R 502 STUDENT CONDUCT R 502.3 Prohibited Behaviour and Disciplinary Actions

The following disciplinary actions shall be taken in response to the prohibited behaviours specified in the Policy. These disciplinary actions are intended to apply to secondary students. In case of kindergarten to Grade 7 students, similar actions may apply, or the principal, in consultation with the parent/guardian and the Superintendent of Schools, may select more suitable disciplinary action. The board expects the following disciplinary actions to be used in a fair and judicious manner.

1. Threatening and /or Violent Behaviour

1.1 Verbal Threats, Racial, Physical and/or Sexual Harassment

Where the school administration deems that a student uses verbal or written threats and/or inflicts physical, emotional, and/or sexual harassment towards other individuals, the school administration:

- 1.1.1 will communicate with the student's parent/guardian, if the student is under 19 years of age;
- 1.1.2 may apply a category 1 or 2 suspension, (see R 502.4), and depending upon the severity of the situation, refer the matter to the police and/or the Board.

1.2 Extortion, Physical Assault and/or Sexual Abuse

When a student is found to be involved in more serious matters such as extortion, physical and/or sexual violence, the administration:

- 1.2.1 will communicate with the student's parent/guardian, if the student is under 19 years of age;
- 1.2.2 will contact the police;
- 1.2.3 will contact the Superintendent of Schools;
- 1.2.4 will apply a category 2 suspension, (see R 502.4)

2. Possession of Weapons

2.1 Possession of Weapons

When a student is found in be in the possession of a weapon, as defined in the Policy, the administration:

- 2.1.1 will communicate with the student's parent/guardian, if the student is under 19 years of age;
- 2.1.2 will confiscate the weapon and release it to either the police or the parent/guardian, as required by law;
- 2.1.3 may contact the police;
- 2.1.4 will contact the Superintendent of Schools;
- 2.1.5 may apply a category 1 or 2 suspension, (see R 502.4), and depending upon the severity of the situation, refer the matter to the police and/or the Board.

2.2 Threats to Use Weapons

When a student is found to be in the possession of a weapon and threatening to use a weapon, the administration:

- 2.2.1 will contact the police
- 2.2.2 will communicate with the student's parent/guardian if the student is under 19 years of age;
- 2.2.3 will contact the Superintendent of Schools;
- 2.2.4 may apply a category 1 or 2 suspension, (see R 502.4), and depending upon the severity of the situation, refer the matter to the police and/or the Board;
- 2.2.5 will confiscate the weapon and release it to the police.

2.3 Using a Weapon

When a student uses a weapon, the administration:

- 2.3.1 will contact the police;
- 2.3.2 will communicate with the student's parent/guardian, if the student is under 19 years of age;
- 2.3.3 will confiscate the weapon and release it to the police;
- 2.3.4 will contact the Superintendent of Schools;
- 2.3.5 may apply a category 1 or 2 suspension, (see R 502.4), and depending upon the severity of the situation, refer the matter to the police and/or the Board.

3. Use or Possession of Illegal/Harmful Substances and/or Alcohol

3.1 Smoking/Tobacco

When a student is found to be in possession of tobacco products or using tobacco products, the administration:

- 3.1.1 may communicate with the student's parents/guardian if the student is under 16 years of age;
- 3.1.2 may discipline the student in accordance with progressive discipline;

3.2 Possession of or Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs

When a student is found to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, the administration:

- 3.2.1 may contact the police;
- 3.2.2 will communicate with the students' parent/guardian;
- 3.2.3 will confiscate any drugs or alcohol in clear view;
- 3.2.4 will leave the police to conduct any searches for possible covert drugs or alcohol;
- 3.2.5 may contact the Superintendent of Schools;
- 3.2.6 may apply a category 1 or 2 suspension, (see R 502.4), and depending upon the severity of the situation, refer the matter to the police and/or the Board.

3.3 Drug and/or Alcohol Trafficking

When a student is found to be in possession of a substantial supply of drugs and/or alcohol, the administration

- 3.3.1 will contact the police;
- 3.3.2 will confiscate the drugs and/or alcohol;
- 3.3.3 will contact the student's parent/guardian;
- 3.3.4 will contact the Superintendent of Schools;
- 3.3.5 will apply a category 2 suspension, (see R 502.4)

4. Authority of the Board

The Board has the legal right to suspend students under the authority of the School Act. Specifically, the School Act requires the Board to establish a Code of Conduct and to ensure that each school has a Code of Conduct and that students are required to comply with the Codes of Conduct School Act (Section 6). The School Act further provides the Board with the authority to suspend a student (Section 85) and to maintain order in its schools and at school functions (Section 177).