

Prohibition Regarding Alcohol and Recreational use of Cannabis Products

Board Policy

Policy Adopted: **October 2012**
Revision Date: **October 2025**
Responsibility: **Superintendent of Safe Schools**

1. Objective

The Halton District School Board (HDSB) prohibits the use of alcohol and recreational cannabis containing products (e.g., beverages, edibles) while on HDSB property.

2. Policy Statement

The HDSB supports the Ministry of Education's Provincial Code of Conduct by directing all members of the school community including staff, volunteers, students, and parents or guardians, to not be under the influence of, or provide others with alcohol or recreational cannabis, in any form, while on HDSB property.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all events including all school events such as socials, anniversaries, and reunions held on HDSB property by all user groups (i.e., community, permits, school staff, etc.).

4. Guiding Principles

The HDSB recognizes school buildings and sites form an integral component of any community and neighbourhood, and that schools are a place of learning and a gathering space for community members. The HDSB supports the use of schools by groups and non-students before and after the regular school day.

The HDSB recognizes the liability associated with serving alcohol and/or consuming alcohol and/or recreational cannabis products at events. Local establishments that offer locations for these products to be consumed are better suited to meet the requirements for these events.

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In the interest of protecting HDSB assets, liability, reputation, and student well-being, the HDSB prohibits the serving, distribution, or consumption of alcohol and recreational cannabis on any HDSB property. Furthermore, the HDSB prohibits the possession of alcohol or any recreational cannabis containing products or paraphernalia by minors (those under 19 years of age) on HDSB property.

This policy supersedes any other policy or procedure regarding liquor licensing or the serving of alcohol at events held on HDSB property.

Related Board Policies and Governance Procedures

Board Policy: Access to School Premises

Related Board Administrative Procedures

Administrative Procedure: Use of Schools

Halton District School Board Student Code of Conduct

Administrative Procedure: Substance Use Intervention

Occupational Health and Safety Act

Related Legislation and Industry Documents

Policy Program/Memorandum 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct

Policy Due for Review: October 2029

Revision History

- October 2025 (Motion M25-089) - Comprehensive review
 - aligned with the 2024-2028 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP), new policy template, clarified language, updated title, and updated references.