

Alcohol, Tobacco & Marijuana Student Policy – Canada

Alcohol

The legal drinking age in British Columbia and Ontario is 19. Students are reminded to consume alcohol responsibly and to ensure they have planned a safe route home if they intend on drinking alcohol. Students may not come to school while under the influence of alcohol and may not consume alcohol on the school premises. It is illegal for anyone under the age of 19 to buy, be served or consume alcohol, or to enter a drinking establishment. It is illegal for anyone over the age of 19 to purchase alcohol for a minor.

Tobacco

Vancouver and Toronto are smoke free cities. Smoking is not permitted in restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges, clubs, malls, on public transportation, or in any public space or building. The legal smoking age is 19. In Toronto, the legal smoking age is 16, and the legal age to purchase cigarettes is 19.

Marijuana

As of October 17, 2018, recreational marijuana (cannabis) is legal in Canada for anyone 19 years of age or older. Students may not come to school while under the influence of marijuana. Students are prohibited from bringing marijuana to school and may not consume marijuana in any form on school premises. Students are reminded that while cannabis is legal in Canada, taking cannabis out of the country by car, airplane, or any other method is illegal.

It is recommended that students familiarize themselves with their home country's laws regarding cannabis, as their country may prohibit recreational marijuana use for its citizens even when they are abroad and students who choose to use marijuana in Canada may face harsh penalties on returning home. Students who choose to use marijuana should do so responsibly and ensure they have all relevant information in order to maintain their own safety and good health. Illegal Drugs Students must obey and respect all Canadian laws. It is illegal to use, buy or sell heroin, cocaine and other illegal drugs in all of Canada.

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