

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION ON SCHOOL PREMISES OR DURING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Background

Since school buildings are often used for Division-wide or community social functions, it is necessary to establish procedures relating to the consumption of alcoholic beverages on school premises. This administrative procedure must reflect societal values as well as ensure that the school's primary mandate of providing quality education to students is not compromised.

The consumption of alcohol on school property or in schools is not permitted, except where prior Superintendent approval has been sought and granted in writing.

Procedures

1. No alcoholic beverages may be served, sold or consumed on school property during normal operational hours.
2. Upon written request, the Superintendent may approve the consumption of alcohol in school buildings for the following: social functions, staff functions, Division functions or functions approved under a School Facilities Use Contract.
 - 2.1 The Superintendent will advise the principal, in writing, of any functions at which the consumption of alcohol has been approved. All functions where alcohol is served will require the school to purchase a Private Non-Sale Special Event Licence.
 - 2.2 Where approved School Facilities Use Contracts include Division approval for the consumption of alcohol, written Division approval and Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission licensing is required.
3. When the consumption of alcohol on school property is approved, it is understood that the principal assumes responsibility to ensure that it is served in a responsible manner, that social host liability issues are addressed, that the privilege is not abused and that no consumption of alcohol occurs while students are in the building.
4. The principal will ensure that no public funds are used to purchase, or reimburse the purchase, of alcohol at any time.
5. The principal for each school is responsible for ensuring that no alcoholic beverages are brought into the school or onto school property pursuant to the preceding procedures.
6. Students, whether of age or not, are not permitted to bring or consume alcohol at any school or Division activity.
7. Staff, parents, or adult volunteers are not permitted to consume alcohol while supervising students during school related field trips.

8. Notwithstanding the above, the use of sacramental wine as part of the celebration of the Eucharist on school property is approved.

Reference: Section 60, 61, 113, School Act