

## **CANNABIS REGULATION**

The legalization of cannabis took effect on October 17, 2018. In view of this new era of social change, that is taking place; Riverside School Board wishes to inform the Riverside community about its regulations and supervision that will be enforced within its school environments.

It is important to emphasize that there is a formal prohibition on the possession, distribution, offering, purchase or sale of cannabis by or for anyone in or around the premises or in buildings providing preschool education services, elementary and secondary school instructional services, educational services in vocational training or educational services to adults in general education. No traffic of cannabis to our students, in any form whatsoever will be tolerated in or near our schools and centers.

### **Students**

Students must demonstrate respect for themselves, for others, for authority, for property and for the principles of citizenship through acceptable behavior without being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The Riverside School Board's [Policy to Maintain a Safe, Respectful and Drug- Free Environment in Schools](#) sets clear standards of conduct and these must be followed at all times. We invite you all to revise them, to understand their scope in the context of the legalization of cannabis.

### **Staff**

We must consider the obligations of teachers and other employees employed by an educational institution to act as models for students. All Riverside School Board employees must perform their duties free from the possession of and not under the influence of legal or illegal drugs or alcohol.

### **Volunteers, Community Partners, Visitors, Service Providers and Elected Officials**

Riverside School Board's [Policy to Maintain a Safe, Respectful and Drug- Free Environment in Schools](#) must be respected at all times for all school stakeholders, regardless of their role.

### **School Transportation**

It is strictly prohibited to smoke cannabis in public transportation and other means of transportation used in connection or related in any way to a school activity. It is also strictly forbidden for a person acting for or at Riverside School Board to drive a motor vehicle or to have it in their custody or under their care or control if there is cannabis in their system.

## **Additional Services**

Riverside School Board's Complementary Services team (Psychologists, Special Education Technicians, School Nurses, Guidance Counselors, etc.) will work in awareness and prevention mode, but will also be able to support students who encounter difficulties that could be related, among other things, to problems of consumption. We encourage our students to use these sources in a completely confidential manner.

## **Respect for the Policy to Maintain a Safe, Respectful and Drug-Free Environment in Schools**

The consequences linked to the implementation of the Policy<sup>1</sup> will be determined in accordance with applicable legislations, Riverside School Board policies, collective agreements and the rules established by each school and center. In some cases, this could mean disciplinary actions, including dismissal, suspension or even legal proceedings.

All of these actions have one goal: to make our schools and centers a healthy and safe environment for all students and staff.

For further information related to cannabis in a school environment, we invite you to visit our website at [www.rsb.qc.ca](http://www.rsb.qc.ca).

Sources:

[L'encadrement du cannabis noir sur blanc](#)

[Cannabis Regulation in Quebec](#)

[Policy to maintain a safe, respectful and drug-free environment in Schools](#)



<sup>1</sup>[Policy to maintain a safe, respectful and drug-free environment in Schools](#)