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DRUG FREE SCHOOLS

The **Portage la Prairie School Division** is committed to providing the highest possible standard of learning environment for its students. It recognizes that the consumption of alcohol and illicit drugs can impair an individual's well-being, can interfere with a person's ability to learn and function in society and with the academic and extra-curricular interests of students.

The goal of the Division is to create school environments which are alcohol and drug free and to provide counseling to students involved detrimentally with alcohol and other drugs. The major components of the approach to alcohol and other drug use and their attendant problems are:

1. Prevention – Encouraging students to achieve an awareness of knowledge, attitudes and skills that promote positive life-style behaviour and well-being concerning alcohol and other drugs.
2. Intervention –Approaching an individual by a caring person with data regarding his/her alcohol/other drug use behaviours in an effort to help that individual seek appropriate corrective measures.
3. Counseling –Assisting students involved with alcohol and other drugs in accessing a support system.
4. Staff Development –Encouraging employees to acquire the knowledge and skills required to respond constructively to the problems of alcohol and other drugs.

The Principal will be responsible for communicating information regarding Division policies dealing with drugs and alcohol to parents and students. (See also JFG –Administration of Prescribed Medication)