



## SCHOOL OF CHOICE

### Drug and Alcohol Policy

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Lakecrest is committed to providing students, staff and other members of the school community with a healthy school environment. Lakecrest does not permit the use of alcohol or other non-medicinal drugs in Lakecrest, on Lakecrest property, or in any mode of transportation used to transport students. This includes drinking of alcohol or consumption of other substances which may be illegal; cause impairment, or be dangerous to the health of students and staff.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Alcohol and drugs can be addictive substances and Lakecrest recognizes that excessive use can cause serious health issues. Permitting alcohol or drug use on school property conflicts with healthy-living messages taught in the curriculum. Further, current legislation limits access and the sale of alcohol and drug products to youth. The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide an alcohol and drugs-free learning environment and workplace for students, staff and volunteers; and,
- Assist students in making healthy choices.

#### **POLICY DIRECTIVES**

1. The Lakecrest building associated grounds (including the playground, outdoor classroom and designated parking locations), and all modes of transportation

when used to transport students will be drug and alcohol free at all times.

2. All Lakecrest-sponsored events, on the school property, will be drug and alcohol free.
3. Community users of any of our school facilities must abide by this policy.
4. Lakecrest administration will also communicate to students, school staff, parents/guardians and other visitors to the school that drug and alcohol use is prohibited. Such communication may include signage, notices in school handbooks, newsletter inserts, webpage highlights and announcements at school events.
5. Distribution, consumption or sale of drug and alcohol products is not permitted.
6. The advertising and sponsoring of school-related initiatives by drug and alcohol companies is not permitted.
7. Clothing, bags, hats and other personal items used or worn by students, staff and volunteers to display, promote or advertise drug and alcohol products are not permitted.
8. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary repercussions.