

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (Sea to Sky)

## POLICY SERIES 1000 – SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### **1004            COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** **1004.2        Use of Alcohol in School** **Facilities, Buildings and** **Grounds**

#### School District Alcohol Policy

The primary consideration of the Board regarding school facilities is their availability and readiness for school activities.

In addition, when such use does not affect school use, the Board welcomes the use of school facilities by community organizations and groups when not required for school purposes.

The district has designated a limited number of school district facilities where alcohol may be consumed. These are Howe Sound Secondary School (Multi-purpose room only); Myrtle Philip Community School (gymnasium and community area only), Spring Creek Community School (gymnasium and community area only), and Pemberton Secondary (gymnasium only and multi-purpose room only).

#### **1.     Goals:**

The goals of the School District Alcohol Policy are:

- a)     To contribute to a safe and healthy environment for our youth
- b)     To ensure there are effective management practices at social events held in School District facilities and on school grounds where alcohol use is permitted and to manage the risk associated with these events.
- c)     To reduce alcohol-related problems at these social events.
- d)     To protect the School District and its staff, community organizations, volunteers and participants from contributing to a problem which could affect the health and safety of participants or others or that could result in litigation.

#### **2.     Objectives:**

The objectives of the School District Alcohol Policy are:

- a) To provide operational procedures for those groups holding events in School District owned facilities or grounds, where alcohol use is permitted.
- b) To comply with the provincial Liquor Licence Act.
- c) To ensure that events where alcohol use is permitted are properly supervised and operated.
- d) To support the decision of abstainers not to drink alcohol.
- e) To encourage and support the responsible use of alcohol as a part of a social function rather than the reason for it.
- f) To equip staff and volunteers with the skills they need to manage events and enforce the policy by offering training and policy orientation.

**3. Facilities and areas Eligible for Alcohol Use Events:**

- a) Howe Sound Secondary School (Multi-purpose room only),
- b) Myrtle Philip Community School, (gymnasium and community area only)
- c) Spring Creek Community School (gymnasium and community area only), and
- d) Pemberton Secondary (gymnasium and multi-purpose room only)

Possession or consumption of alcohol in any other area of School District facilities and on school grounds is strictly prohibited.

**4. Specific Facilities and Outdoor Areas NOT ELIGIBLE for Alcohol Use Events:**

- a) Blackwater Creek Elementary School and grounds
- b) Brackendale Elementary School and grounds
- c) Don Ross Secondary School and grounds
- d) Garibaldi Highlands Elementary School and grounds
- e) Howe Sound Secondary School (except multi-purpose room) and grounds
- f) Mamquam Elementary School and grounds
- g) Myrtle Philip Community School (except gymnasium and community area) and grounds
- h) Pemberton Secondary School (except gymnasium and multi-purpose room) and grounds

- i) Signal Hill Elementary School
- j) Spring Creek Community School (except gymnasium and community area) and grounds
- k) Squamish Elementary School and grounds
- l) Stawamus Elementary School and grounds
- m) Valleycliffe Elementary School and grounds
- n) Whistler Secondary School and grounds

Under special or unique circumstances the Board of Education may consider exceptions to this list.

**5. Events Not Eligible for Alcohol Use**

- a) “Family” oriented special events. “Family” refers to events or activities that are inclusive of youth under the legal drinking age. No minors will be allowed into or allowed to work at any “adult” licensed event or area.
- b) All youth events and all minor sports events, including banquets and awards nights.

**6. Prevention Strategies**

The renter will be required to provide:

- a) A Safe Transportation Option
- b) Food Service
- c) Low cost or free non-alcohol beverages
- d) Low alcohol beverages

The Regulation and Procedures accompanying this Policy provides further direction on the use of alcohol in School District Facilities and grounds.