



Illegal substance Policy

Eunice recognises the necessity of providing a safe, orderly and stimulating educational environment in order for quality opportunities to be offered to learners for personal development, for community involvement, for leadership and for co-operative teamwork. The school aims to render a supportive atmosphere conducive to learners extending themselves intellectually and personally.

The striving for high standards of modern educational excellence will be undermined by the use, possession or distribution of illegal substances. The objective of this policy is to promote a happy, secure, safe, healthy and drug free learning environment.

The aim of this policy is to assist and educate learners regarding substance abuse and establish procedures to deal effectively with drug related issues in accordance with legislation and regulations.

The policy applies to Eunice learners and employees:

- on the school grounds.
- whilst on any outing, function or activity arranged by the school.
- at any place where learners represent the school or where learners may be recognised as Eunice learners.

Visitors found in possession of an illegal substance will be reported to the relevant authorities.

The school reserves the right to act in accordance with this policy in the case of suspected use, possession or distribution of illegal substances.

Random searches and/or tests may be administered if reasonable suspicion of use, possession or distribution of illegal substances has been established.



Reluctance to cooperate in this matter will result in SAPS intervention.

Search protocol

Searches must be

- authorised by the Headmistress or her delegate;
- done by the same gender as the learner involved;
- conducted in private.
- conducted in the presence of a witness of the same gender as the learner;

Any drug that has been seized must be clearly labelled with full particulars including:

- Where it was found.
- Name of learner involved.
- Date and time of search and seizure.
- Name of person who conducted the search.
- Name of witness.
- Any other applicable details.
- Illegal substances will be handed over to the SAPS.

Test procedure.

Tests will be administered:

- by the Headmistress or her delegate of the same gender as the learner;
- in private;
- in the presence of a witness;

The person administering the test must



- remove the testing device from its packaging in the presence of the learner and witness;
- read instructions aloud;
- proceed in accordance with the instructions.

Samples must be labelled with the following information:

- Name of learner involved;
- Date and time of test;
- Name of person conducting the test;
- Name of witness;
- Any other applicable details.

The testing devices used to administer a test may be, but not limited to, one of the following:

- Drug detective wipe detection system for surfaces.
- One-Step home cocaine test strip.
- Multi-drug test.
- Quicktox drug screen dipcard test.
- Monitect drug screen cassette test.
- Toxcup drug screen cup test.
- Multi panel drug testing device.
- Smart check drug screen test.
- Drug smart cup
- Avitar oral screen 4 or drugometer



Parents can be requested to take a learner for a blood test on the same day of testing to verify the outcome of the test administered by the school.

The Disciplinary procedure as set out in the Learner Code of Conduct applies.

The disciplinary committee will determine sanctions the learner must adhere to. The sanctions may include but are not limited to:

- possible temporary suspension from school;
- referral to an institution for drug counselling. (The cost involved will be the responsibility of the parent / guardian);
- community service;
- withholding of privileges.

The school will endeavour to handle each case with sensitivity and with respect to the right to privacy of both the learner and the parent / guardian.