

Cannabis in Schools

An Educator's Guide to the Law and Best Practices

October 12, 2018

AGENDA

8:30 Welcome from the Chairs

Nicola Simmons, Keel Cottrelle LLP
Wendy Lopez, Counsel, Catholic Principals' Council Ontario

8:35 The Law Around Cannabis and Its Use in Schools

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- What are the applicable laws around the use of cannabis by staff and students?
- Who can use it? Where? How much can you carry?
- What are the different forms that are permitted for use in schools?
- What paperwork/documentation must be submitted?
- Is this a duty to accommodate issue? For staff? For students?
- How is the substance to be stored? Are there limits on the amount in possession?
- Questions around where the marijuana was obtained? Licensed producer?
- Who will administer it?
- For what age group can medical marijuana be used?
- What if the student does not satisfy the legal requirements?
- Do they fall within the framework of disability accommodation?

9:15 Group Discussion & Q&A Session

9:30 The Medical Perspective on Cannabis

Dr. Darren Courtney, Researcher, Cundill Centre for Child and Youth Depressions; Staff Psychiatrist, Youth Addictions and Concurrent Disorders Service, CAMH

- What are the most common uses of medical cannabis in adults and children?

- Is prescribing medical cannabis appropriate for kids?
- For what types of conditions?
- In what forms?
- What are the risks associated with cannabis use generally and in particular for adolescents?
- Is there a link to addiction?
- Review of clinical practice guidelines – when and in what circumstances is cannabis a recognized treatment?
- Why are we seeing such a difference in opinion within the medical community around the appropriate uses of cannabis?
- Is it appropriate for school officials to second guess a medical prescription for cannabis?

10:15 Group Discussion & Q&A Session

10:30 Refreshment Break

10:45 An Update from the Ministry of Education

Melanie Herbin, Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General, Civil Law Division, Education/Training, Colleges and Universities Branch

11:30 Group Discussion & Q&A Session

11:45 Human Rights and Accommodations Surrounding Cannabis Use by Staff and Students

Giovanna Di Sauro, Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti LLP
Jessica Koper, Shibley Righton LLP
Mandy Wojcik, Goldblatt Partners

12:30 Luncheon

1:30 Criminal Law and Provincial Regulation of Cannabis: The Impact on Schools

Mary Birdsell, Executive Director, Justice for Children and Youth
Emma Rhodes, Lawyer

2:15 Group Discussion & Q&A

2:30 Refreshment Break

2:45 Cannabis in Schools: How Are Schools Preparing and Coping
Moderators:

Nicola Simmons, Keel Cottrelle LLP

Wendy Lopez, Counsel, Catholic Principals' Council Ontario

Panelists:

Chris McGrath, BA, Med, Vice-President, Student Success, George Brown College

Stephanie Strong, CHRL, Superintendent of Human Resources and Employee Relations, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Wayne Baker, Superintendent of Education, Grand Erie District School Board

Dr. Sharon Pyke, Superintendent of Education, Greater Essex County District School Board

3:30 Group Discussion & Q&A Session

3:45 Program Concludes