

P.A.S.S.

Program Alternative for Substance use Suspension



WHO

P.A.S.S. is a partnership between School Districts 61, 62, 63 and Vancouver Island Health Authority Discovery Youth and Family Services.

WHAT

Students in grades 9-12 in School Districts 61, 62 and 63 who have breached their School District’s Alcohol/Other Drug Use Policy may participate in PASS: an alcohol/other drug education and self-assessment program.

PURPOSE

PASS provides each student with an opportunity to receive important and current information about alcohol/other drug use as well as a chance to assess how alcohol/other drug use is affecting their life.

This supportive alternative to the traditional “out of school” suspension also includes an invitation for the student and/or their family to access free individual or family counseling services.

PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Location

SJ Willis Educational Centre
923 Topaz Ave
Room 118

Time

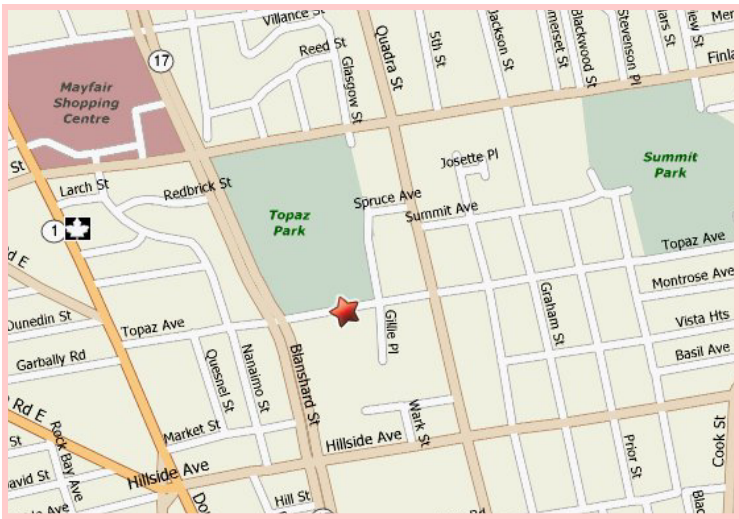
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (unless notified otherwise) 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Lunch

12:30 - 1:00 pm on-site
(Students are expected to bring a lunch)

Homework

1:00 - 2:30 pm supervised by school district staff



Attendance will be monitored and reported daily to school administration

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Students are expected to complete all four parts of PASS

- Three full days of attendance in PASS at the SJ Willis Educational Centre-including educational workshops and homework sessions
- A re-entry meeting conducted by referring school personnel when the student returns to school after completing PASS.

Topics discussed in morning education session -9:30-12:30 each day

Alcohol and drug facts, characteristics of problematic substance use, stress and substance use, self-assessment and change.

All morning sessions are facilitated by Discovery Youth and Family Services Counsellors from Vancouver Island Health Authority.

Support Counselling Services

Prior to/during PASS attendance each participant's family will be contacted by phone and invited to access Discovery Youth and Family's free individual and family counseling services.

For more information on services offered by
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Call 250-519-5313

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