

162 SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

Background

The Division is cognizant of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco, cannabis, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers or similar products. Students, staff and community members will have a smoke-free environment.

Smoking and the use of any of the aforementioned products is strictly prohibited in all school and Division properties which would include related school grounds and parking lots.

The Division therefore supports programs which:

- Increase awareness of the dangers associated with the use of tobacco, cannabis, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers or similar products; and
- Discourage the use of the aforementioned products in all of its forms.

Procedures

1. Smoking and the use of any of the aforementioned products is prohibited in:
 - a. All Division facilities including schools, offices and other workplaces and all areas within 5 metres of an entrance or exit to such facilities;
 - b. Within 5 metres of an opening window or fresh air intake vent
 - c. School buses
 - d. School playgrounds and all areas within 5 metres of any school child play area
 - e. All Division vehicles and any vehicles used by the school to transport students
2. This Administrative Procedure shall also be understood to prohibit all forms of tobacco, cannabis, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers or similar products advertising, including items such as brand name tobacco gear, paraphernalia and clothing.
3. Health-related programs at all levels shall incorporate instruction on the dangers associated with the use of tobacco, cannabis, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers or similar products and shall discourage the use of these products.
4. This Administrative Procedure shall apply to all users of Division facilities and property, including students, employees, and visitors.

5. This Administrative Procedure shall be included in the regulations governing the joint use or community use of facilities.
6. Appropriate signage shall be posted so as to inform users of Division facilities, vehicles and property of Smoke Free Environment areas.
7. The Division may designate, through signage, specific smoking areas near school buildings and Division facilities provided they do not contravene this Administrative Procedure.
8. All staff members, students and community members will be made aware that all smoking is prohibited in Division designated public spaces, including the use of tobacco, cannabis, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers and similar products.
9. Employees and or contracted workers working in buildings or vehicles, which are not owned by the Division, shall be governed by CRPS policies and administrative procedures.
10. Smudging and the use of tobacco in pipe ceremonies as part of traditional Indigenous ceremonies may be authorized by the Principal.
11. With the prior approval of the Principal, the use of tobacco is permitted as part of religious/ceremonial events.

References

Section 31,32,33,52,53,68,196,197,204,222,225 Education Act
Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act
Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Regulation

History

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