

# Smoking and Vaping

## Background

*In accordance with the Tobacco Control Act, 11(2)(3) no person shall: (a) smoke, use or consume tobacco, or hold lighted tobacco, in an enclosed public place that is a school or an independent school or on the grounds surrounding a school or an independent school;*

Smoking and the use of all tobacco products is prohibited in all Division buildings (including Central and Sub Office) and in any vehicle being used to transport students. Smoking is prohibited within 10 meters from doorways, windows, or air intakes of all schools and Division buildings. Students and staff members are prohibited from smoking or using other tobacco products during school activities authorized by the Division. Persons utilizing school facilities in accordance with **AP 550 Use of Facilities** are prohibited from smoking or using other tobacco products while on the premises.

## Procedures

1. This administrative procedure applies to all students, staff, visitors, contractors and persons having access to facilities through rental agreements.
2. Suitable signs shall be displayed in Division buildings indicating that they are non-smoking areas.
3. All community use agreements shall stipulate compliance with this administrative procedure as a condition of use. Failure to comply shall be cause for cancellation of the agreement.
4. Students are expected to respect the property of neighbors, and must obey laws regarding loitering or littering.
5. Violations of this administrative procedure are considered very serious and appropriate significant penalties imposed by principals on students and staff are supported. Such penalties may include suspension from school as provided for in the Education Act, progressive discipline as outlined in board policy and administrative procedures, and/or possible fines from a tobacco enforcement officer.
6. This prohibition does not apply to the use of tobacco for ceremonial events.

Reference: Sections 85, 87, 108, 109, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 175 Education Act  
Section 2 Tobacco Control Act

Also see: AP550 Use of Facilities

