

SMOKE AND VAPOUR FREE ENVIRONMENT

Background

The District strives to promote and safeguard, through all reasonable means, the physical, emotional and mental health of District students and employees.

The District is committed to providing healthy smoke and electronic smoking products-free learning and working environments for all students and employees.

Procedures

1. Principals shall make students, staff (including non-teaching) and parents aware of this Administrative Procedure at the beginning of each school year. This is to be placed in each school's September newsletter.
2. "NO SMOKING OR VAPING" signs shall be prominently displayed in all buildings and on grounds.
3. The Director of Operations shall inform all support employees in the Facilities, Maintenance, Grounds and Transportation departments of this Administrative Procedure at the beginning of each school year.
4. Designated school smoking areas are prohibited.
5. School property includes District owned vehicles that are used for the purposes of delivering education programs, for transportation or used by the Maintenance Department.
6. This Administrative Procedure also applies to all user groups on school property. This must be conveyed to the user groups when applying for rental of facilities or grounds.
7. Early learning and adult learning centers are also covered under this Administrative Procedure.
8. There is an exception for ceremonial use of tobacco that is performed in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity.
9. It is an offence to violate the smoking and vaping ban. Not only the smoker, but also the Board, the Superintendent and the Principal may be charged. They can defend a charge by showing that they exercised "due diligence" to prevent the contravention.

Reference: Sections 6, 17, 20, 22, 26, 65, 85 School Act
Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Act
School Regulation 265/89
Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act

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