

SMOKE-FREE FACILITIES

Background

The use of tobacco or tobacco products in any form by students, employees and other persons is not conducive to the maintenance of a healthy environment. Examples of these products would be cigarettes, snuff, and chewing tobacco. All Division premises and vehicles will be smoke and tobacco-free, and all school-sponsored activities shall be smoke and tobacco-free.

The use of electronic cigarettes, pipes or any other apparatus that allows for the inhalation of nicotine and other narcotics are strictly prohibited.

Procedures

1. All Division buildings, vehicles and grounds are designated smoke/tobacco-free.
2. The Principal shall ensure that all students, staff, parents, visitors and community user-groups are made aware of the smoke/tobacco-free requirement.
3. Supervisors shall inform their staff members that the use of tobacco is prohibited in or on Division-owned property.
4. Any student or staff member that is in violation of these procedures will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary practices established within the Division.
5. With the prior approval of the Principal, the use of tobacco is permitted as part of religious/ceremonial events.

Reference: Section 20, 60, 61, 96, 113, 117 School Act
Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act
Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Regulation 13/2003
Tobacco Reduction Act

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RESTRICTED SUBSTANCES AND WEAPONS

Background

The Division is committed to providing an educational environment that is safe, secure, healthy and peaceful.

Procedures

1. Student use of the following on school premises, vehicles and school-related activities is prohibited:
 - 1.1 Alcohol;
 - 1.2 Controlled or restricted drugs;
 - * 1.3 Smoking, e-cigarettes; vaping products;
 - 1.4 Weapons, which are defined as objects designed or intended to threaten or intimidate or inflict bodily harm and includes firearms.
- * 2. Any student suspected of possessing or selling any of the prohibited substances or objects shall be reported immediately to the Principal.
3. The Principal's primary concern shall be for the safety of all students and staff in the school. The Principal shall secure the safety of the students and staff and contact emergency personnel as soon as reasonably possible.
4. If a student is undergoing a reaction to alcohol or a drug, the Principal is to seek medical assistance and notify the parents of the student.
5. If a student is suspected of being in possession of controlled or restricted drugs, or weapons, the Principal may contact the police.
 - 5.1 The Principal shall maintain a complete record of the proceedings and inform the Superintendent as soon as possible.
6. Any victim of an infraction of this administrative procedure may make direct contact with the police.
- * 7. If the Principal believes that the actions of a student with regard to the possession of prohibited substances and objects will endanger the health and safety of students and staff, the Principal may suspend the student in accordance with Board policy and Division administrative procedures.

8. The Board may expel a student that contravenes the prohibition of restricted substances and weapons in accordance with Board policy and Division administrative procedures.

Reference: Section 12, 18, 20, 24, 25, 45, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Gaming and Liquor Act
Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
Criminal Code
Narcotics Act
Food and Drug Act
Health Canada

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