

# ***Fort McMurray Catholic Schools Operating Policies and Procedures***

## **OP 101**

### **Smoke Free Environment**

#### **Policy**

Students, staff and community members will have a smoke free environment.

Smoking and the use of tobacco products is strictly prohibited in all designated public places. This includes the smoking of any products and the use of electronic cigarettes, vaporizers or similar products.

“Designated public places” means any place to which the public, students or staff have access and includes:

- a. All district facilities including schools, offices and other workplaces and all areas within 10 metres of an entrance or exit to such facilities;
- b. School buses and public transportation vehicles and all areas within 10 metres of shelters;
- c. Playgrounds and all areas within 10 metres of any outdoors student or children play area
- d. All district vehicles and any vehicles used by the school to transport students;

#### **Procedures:**

1. All staff members, students and community members will be made aware that all smoking is prohibited in all designated public places including the use of electronic cigarettes, vaporizers and similar products;
2. Employees working in buildings or vehicles, which are not owned by the District, shall be governed by the policies of the owners and operators;
3. No Smoking signs will be displayed at the entrances of all buildings. No person shall be permitted to smoke in any facilities or district vehicles regardless of whether or not a “No Smoking’ Sign is posted;
4. The smoke free policy shall be included in the regulations governing the joint or community use of schools;

5. School Principals shall ensure that an Awareness Program on the hazards of smoking and second hand smoke be part of the Health Curriculum for all students;
6. Smudging and the use tobacco in pipe ceremonies as part of traditional aboriginal ceremonies may be authorized by the School Principal.

<b>References:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupational Health and Safety Acts and Regulations</li> <li>• Alberta Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act – Chapter T-3.8</li> <li>• Alberta Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Regulation 240/2007</li> <li>• RMWB Smoke Free Bylaw # 07/042</li> <li>• Board Governance Policy EL # 1, EL # 2</li> </ul>	<b>Policy Approved on:</b> September 1, 2001
	<b>Revisions:</b> February 16, 2016
<b>Cross References:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EL 2 – Safe Healthy and Secure Environment</li> <li>• OP 123 – Community Use of Facilities</li> <li>• OP 131 – Visitors to the school</li> <li>• OP 138 – Healthy Schools</li> <li>• OP 141 – District Owned Vehicles</li> <li>• OP 151 – Occupational Health and Safety</li> <li>• OP 381 – Student Transportation</li> <li>• OP 382 – Transportation of Students in Private or Rental Vehicles</li> </ul>	