



Administrative Procedure 162

Smoke Free Environment

Background

The Division must comply with the *Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act 2005* and has a responsibility to ensure that students and staff are protected from the harmful effects of smoking and secondhand smoke. This also applies to the use of electronic cigarettes (ecigs) and vaping.

Procedures

1. All of the facilities, grounds and fleet vehicles under the control of the Division are to be smoke free areas. This includes the housing units owned by the Division in various communities.
 - 1.1 The Division may create designated smoking areas on its property where appropriate.
2. The Principal shall ensure that all students, staff, parents and visitors to the school are made aware of the smoke free requirement at the school.
3. Continued violation of the school's smoke free requirement will be brought to the attention of the Superintendent by the Principal.
4. Disciplinary measures may include references to the *Smoking and Tobacco Reduction Act*.
5. With the prior approval of the Principal, the use of tobacco is permitted as part of religious/ceremonial events in the school.
6. With the prior approval of the Housing Coordinator, the Aboriginal tradition of smudging may be accommodated on special request in a Division housing unit in accordance with the Appendix to this Administrative Procedure.

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Reference: Section 20, 60, 61, 96, 113, 117 School Act
[Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act](#)
[Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Regulation](#)
[My.Health.Alberta.com](#)
[AP 162 - Appendix A](#) (Smudging-Pipe Ceremonies)
[AP 354](#) Student Use of Alcohol, Restricted and Illicit Drugs