

TOBACCO, CANNABIS AND VAPOUR-FREE ENVIRONMENT

Background

As smoking and the use of tobacco, cannabis and vapour products are detrimental to good health, the District will act toward the elimination of such activities and the provision of a healthy learning and working environment free from smoke and the use of tobacco, cannabis and vapour products by students, employees, and visitors.

The District directs that smoking, the use of tobacco or smokeless tobacco products (i.e. snuff/chew), the use of cannabis and various cannabis products (such as edibles), vapour products or e-cigarettes, holding lighted tobacco, and the display of tobacco, cannabis and vapour products be prohibited at all times in all District buildings, District vehicles, and on all school property.

The District encourages initiatives undertaken to reduce smoking and the use of tobacco, cannabis and vapour products by both students and employees.

Definition

School property means property that is owned or leased by, or operated under the authority of, the District and is used for the purposes of delivering educational programs or other learning programs. For this Administrative Procedure, school property will include District Maintenance Yards and the District Office site.

Procedures

1. District Facilities and Property
 - 1.1. A person must not smoke or vape tobacco, cannabis or vaping products. A person must not hold lighted tobacco or cannabis or use or display tobacco, cannabis or vapour products in District buildings, in District vehicles, on school property, or in private or commercial vehicles while on school property.
 - 1.2. Community members or groups who rent or otherwise make use of District buildings or properties are expected to adhere to the Administrative Procedure.
2. Off-Campus Activities
 - 2.1. Students will not smoke or vape tobacco, cannabis or vaping products. Students will not hold lighted tobacco or cannabis or use or display tobacco, cannabis or vapour products at any time while on school field trips, competitive events, extracurricular activities or any other school-related activity.
 - 2.2. While chaperoning such events, employees and volunteers will adhere to the same expectations while in the presence of students.

3. Prevention and Cessation

- 3.1. Principals and staff will provide preventative instructional programs that warn students about the hazards of smoking and the use of tobacco, cannabis and vapour products.
- 3.2. School staff and the District will facilitate the efforts of students and employees to cease smoking and the use of tobacco, cannabis and vapour products.

4. Communication

- 4.1. At the beginning of each school year, through school handbooks, newsletters, etc., principals will inform all students and parents of expectations surrounding the provision of a healthy learning and working environment free from smoke and the use of tobacco, cannabis and vapour products by students, employees, and visitors.
- 4.2. Employees and prospective employees will be advised of this Administrative Procedure, and cessation initiatives, through staff meetings, staff handbooks, and District newsletters.
- 4.3. Signs will be posted in a manner and location that adequately notifies students, staff, visitors, and facility and property users of the Administrative Procedure.
- 4.4. A notice of this Administrative Procedure will be included in/with all joint use and rental agreements.

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

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