

## **Administrative Procedure 162**

# **SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT**

### **Background**

The Division recognizes its responsibility for maintaining a low-hazard environment and its obligation under the Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act. Being aware of the medical research which links smoking, vaporizing and smoke-laden environments with many serious illnesses, the Division acknowledges its responsibility to ensure a healthy environment, and supports the following principle:

- The elimination of smoking and vaporizing by all persons within all buildings, on all school property and in all vehicles owned, operated, or contracted by the Division.

### **Procedures**

1. Principals will inform Individuals and groups seeking to use school facilities of the provisions of this administrative procedure when application is made for the use of the facilities.
2. Awareness programs on the hazards of smoking and vaporizing are encouraged.
3. 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  
Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act  
Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Regulation

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