



Tobacco Use by Students

Administrative Procedure 1.B.200

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The School District of Mystery Lake recognizes the harmful effects of tobacco products on the health of both users and non-users and further recognizes its responsibilities to provide a healthy environment. It is the expectation in the School District of Mystery Lake that all properties and activities, including building, grounds, field trips and vehicles, shall be tobacco-free environments for all employees, students and visitors.

The District's approach to student use of tobacco products and their attendant problems includes:

Prevention – An educational process that encourages students to demonstrate knowledge, attitudes and skills that promote positive lifestyle behavior and well-being concerning tobacco products.

Intervention – A process in which caring persons confront an individual regarding his/her use of tobacco products in order to help the student seek appropriate corrective measures.

Counseling and Rehabilitation – An organized support system for students involved with tobacco products.

1. Prevention

All schools will implement the Manitoba Physical Education / Health Curriculum.

2. Intervention

When a student is found to be using tobacco products, the school principal shall take supportive measures that may include:

- counseling the student,
- advising the student of the school rules and of the available assistance,
- advising the student's parent or guardian of this administrative procedure and available assistance, and / or;
- implementation of a behaviour plan which will include progressive consequences and may include suspension or recommendations to the Board for expulsion.

Principals may exercise discretion for individual circumstances.

3. Counseling and Rehabilitation

School counselors will offer assistance as required. Individual and/or group counseling sessions may be arranged. Public health officials may be asked to assist in the counseling at the discretion of the school.