

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT AND PREVENTION OF YOUTH TOBACCO USE

Background

The Division recognizes its responsibility to ensure a smoke-free environment and supports the legal restriction on the possession and use of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes by persons under the age of eighteen for the health and welfare of students and staff members and to provide a positive role model for students and staff. The Division, therefore, declares all Division buildings, grounds, Division owned vehicles and school buses smoke-free environments.

Procedures

1. All Division-owned buildings, grounds, and vehicles shall be smoke-free environments on a twenty-four hour (24-hour) per day, seven (7) days per week basis.
 - 1.1 Students, staff, contractors and visitors in Division buildings, on Division grounds, and in Division vehicles are expected to adhere to the Division's position on the provision of a smoke-free environment.
 - 1.2 The proper use of tobacco for Indigenous traditional ceremonial occasions such as gifting to Elders or for the use in smudging, is permitted. The Principal must be informed of the occasion and all Indigenous protocols must be followed.
2. The diligent implementation and enforcement of this Administrative Procedure shall be the responsibility of all responsible officers of the Division.
 - 2.1 "No Smoking" signs approved by the Director – Facility Services shall be posted in all Division-owned buildings, grounds and vehicles.
 - 2.2 At the time of hiring, all new staff members and contractors shall be advised by the responsible officer of this Administrative Procedure.
 - 2.3 The Principal shall advise all students and their parents of this Administrative Procedure.
 - 2.4 Community groups using school facilities under Administrative Procedure 550 – Community Use of School Facilities and users of rented or leased space in schools shall be notified by the responsible officer, prior to use, of this Administrative Procedure. Failure to adhere to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure will result in the cancellation of user privileges or the rental/lease agreement.
3. The Division will be supportive of its students and staff members in their adherence to this Administrative Procedure.

Reference: Section 20, 60, 61, 96, 113, 117 School Act
Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act
Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Regulation

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