

1400: SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT (AP)

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POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes the need to protect the health, safety and welfare of its students, employees and other users of its buildings and properties with respect to the use of tobacco and smokeless tobacco products. Smoking, Vaping Devices, Electronic Cigarette, Vapour and other tobacco use is prohibited anywhere on school property at any time.

Smoking, use of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, vaping device and vapour products is prohibited in all School Board owned buildings, grounds and vehicles. This applies to all students, employees, parents, users, renters, contractors and community members at all times, including evenings and weekends.

Reference:

- Bill 10, Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools). Amendment Act, 2007, Section 2.2.
- Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act – No tobacco or vapour product use on school property.

This Policy applies to:

- Students
- School employees
- Parents
- School visitors, on-site workers and guests
- Anyone attending non-school activities in schools or on school grounds (user groups)
- Anyone in school vehicles
- Anyone in private vehicles parked on school property
- All tobacco products, not just cigarettes (including e-cigarettes)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- 1.1 “NO SMOKING and Vaping” signs shall be prominently displayed in all buildings and on grounds.

- 1.2 The Director of Operations shall inform all support staff in the Facilities, Maintenance, Grounds and Transportation departments of this AP at the beginning of each school year.
- 1.3 “School property” includes School Board owned vehicles that are used for the purposes of delivering education programs, for transportation or used by the Maintenance Department.
- 1.4 This policy also applies to all user groups on school property. This will be conveyed to the user groups when applying for rental of facilities or grounds.
- 1.5 Students will not smoke, vape or use tobacco or vapour products while on school property at any time; within the established “smoke-free, vape-free zone” for each school while under the school’s jurisdiction; or at any time while on school field trips, competitive events, extracurricular activities or any other school-related activity.

Students caught smoking or vaping on school property or during school related activity are subject to a school suspension pursuant to Policy 510: Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools.

Students found in possession of a vaping device, vapour products, and tobacco products on school property or during any school related activity are subject to these items being confiscated by school administration. Parents/Guardians may request to recover confiscated property within a reasonable amount of time after confiscation.