


Smoke, Tobacco and Vape Free Environment

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	External References: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Act: Sections 85, 87, 109, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 175, 231 • Occupational Health and Safety Act 	Internal References: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP 548 Community Use of School Facilities • Form 403-1 Employee Review of Administrative Procedures • Form 446-2 Volunteer Review of Administrative Procedures

Background

The Division recognizes its responsibility to promote a healthy lifestyle and ensure a smoke, tobacco and vape free environment for the health and welfare of students, staff members and visitors. It is the intention of this procedure to be consistent with all provincial and municipal regulations related to tobacco products.

The Division supports the creation of a smoke, tobacco and vape free environment in its schools and facilities and on all school and Division property.

Definitions

Electronic Cigarette (e-cigarette) is a vaporizer or inhalant-type device, whether called an electronic cigarette or any other name, that contains a power source and heating element designed to heat a substance and produce a vapour intended to be inhaled by the user of the device through the mouth, whether or not the vapour contains nicotine. The process of inhaling and exhaling the vapour is called vaping.

Tobacco is defined as any product derived from the tobacco plant that is intended for human consumption whether smoked, inhaled, chewed, snorted, sniffed, vaped or ingested by other means.

Procedures

1. Smoking, vaping and use of tobacco and vaping products shall be prohibited in all Division facilities and on all Division properties.
 - 1.1 No student or staff member or volunteer is permitted to smoke, vape or use tobacco and vaping products at any time, including non-school hours:
 - 1.1.1 In any building, facility or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the Division/school;
 - 1.1.2 On school grounds or parking lots.
 - 1.2 Students are not allowed to smoke, vape or use tobacco or vaping products at any school-sponsored event, school field trip, competitive events or any other school-related event.
 - 1.3 Staff/supervisors are not allowed to use smoke, tobacco or vape products while in direct supervision of students.
2. Appropriate signs will be placed in all Division facilities and properties, and suitable notification will be made in all student handbooks.

3. Community groups utilizing Division facilities shall be advised by the Principal that school facilities and property are smoke, tobacco and vape free and that facility usage shall be subject to cancellation if guidelines are not followed.
4. Principals are encouraged to implement educational programs for students and staff designed to inform participants about the health risks associated with the use of tobacco and vaping products.
5. This procedure does not apply to the use of tobacco for ceremonial events.