

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. 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 will be smoke-free environments on a 24-hour per day, seven 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 will be the responsibility of all principals and central office leaders.
 - 2.1 No Smoking signs approved by Facility Services will be posted in all Division-owned buildings, grounds and vehicles.
 - 2.2 At the time of hiring, all new staff members and contractors will be advised by the principal of this Administrative Procedure.
 - 2.3 The principal will 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 will be notified by the principal or Facilities, 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 31,32,33,52,53,68,196,197,204,222,225 Education Act
Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act
Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Regulation

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