

SMOKE/TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT

Background

There are health issues related to smoking and use of tobacco and there is a need to provide smoke/tobacco free environments. All staff and community members have a responsibility to act as positive role models for the students.

Procedures

1. Smoking, tobacco, water pipe, hookah, and vapor product (e-cigarette) use shall be prohibited in all school facilities, division vehicles, property, and during school events. Tobacco may be used for Indigenous traditional or ceremonial use.
2. Each school shall develop policies and practices which support a smoke/tobacco free environment.
3. The Principal shall ensure that the staff, students, parents, and the community at large are aware of the smoking/tobacco use policies.
4. The Principal and staff shall ensure that related curriculum, health education and prevention programs are implemented.
5. Schools are encouraged to develop a comprehensive approach to the prevention of smoking/tobacco use, to establish support systems for students and staff, and to work with their communities in smoking/tobacco use prevention initiatives and awareness.
6. The Principal shall ensure that agreements for use of facilities by community groups and contracts for rental of facilities clearly state that “no smoking” is a condition of use or rent.

Reference: Sections 20, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act
Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Regulation (AR 13/2003)
Tobacco Reduction Act