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SECTION 800 – Facilities and Transportation

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE: USE OF TOBACCO, CANNABIS AND SMOKING MATERIALS

<i>PROCEDURE CODE:</i>	<i>808 P 001</i>
Policy Reference: 808 – Use of Tobacco, Cannabis and Smoking Materials	

BACKGROUND

Providing a healthy working and learning environment for employees and students is a priority of Medicine Hat Public School Division. The Division is committed to a smoke free environment for students, staff and visitors, free from the use of tobacco, cannabis products and smoking materials.

DEFINITIONS

Smoking materials include any tobacco product or tobacco like product which includes but is not limited to cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers (vaping), cigars, marijuana/cannabis, pipes/hookah and shisha. Tobacco and cannabis products include, but are not limited to, spit tobacco and edible cannabis.

PROCEDURE

1. All Division school sites, properties, vehicles and school sponsored activities will be free from the use of tobacco and cannabis products and smoking materials in a smoke free environment for students, staff and visitors.
2. School principals will ensure that all students, staff, parents, visitors and community user-groups are made aware of the requirement to be free from the use of tobacco and cannabis products and smoking materials while on school property and when attending or participating in off campus school sponsored activities.
3. Supervisors will inform their staff members that the use of tobacco, cannabis products and smoking materials is prohibited while on school property and when attending or participating in off campus school sponsored activities.
4. Through the health curriculum and working closely with Alberta Health Services, school Counsellors, other appropriate school staff, and principals, MHPSD will provide educational

programs for students and staff designed to inform them about the health risks associated with the use of tobacco, cannabis and smoking materials.

- 4.1. Prevention efforts should address all aspects of tobacco and cannabis use, including negative health effects, social acceptability, negative social consequences, peer norms and peer pressure, resistance and refusal skills and media literacy on tobacco and cannabis marketing and advertising.
- 4.2. Counselling and treatment programs shall be made available to staff and students.
5. Any employee that is in violation of these procedures could be subject to discipline up to and including termination.
6. Any student that is in violation of these procedures should be referred to relevant community based programming and/or be subject to the school's code of conduct.
7. With the prior approval of the school principal, the use of tobacco products and smoking materials may be permitted as part of religious/ceremonial events.

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