

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

Background

In the interest of promoting the health and welfare of all staff members and students, the Division mandates the existence of a smoke-free environment in all its buildings, grounds, school buses, vehicles and property, except in designated smoking areas outside buildings.

Procedures

1. Smoking shall not be permitted in vehicles and school buses, in school buildings, on school grounds, in the maintenance and transportation shops, and in the Division office buildings and grounds.
2. The “No Smoking” ban applies on a 24-hour basis each day, every day, whether the buildings are used for school, entertainment, recreation, business, or private functions, regardless of the number of occupants on the premises.
3. It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that ‘smoke-free’ procedures govern the behavior of all inhabitants.
4. School administrator(s) will be charged with the responsibility for the supervision of student behavior under this procedure.
5. Any member of the public who is in contravention of this procedure may lose their right to enter or use the premises. In school buildings, the right of entry shall be withheld at the discretion of the school administrator(s) of the building.
6. Signs shall be posted in the entrance of each school, the maintenance and transportation shops, the Division office building and on each school bus indicating that these premises have been designated as “Smoke-Free” or “No Smoking” areas.
7. The school administration shall discipline students who fail to abide by the rules established relative to smoking.
8. The school administration shall make staff members and visitors aware of the rules established with respect to smoking.

Reference: Section 20, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act
Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Regulation AR 13/2003

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