

SMOKING AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Background

Smoking is injurious to the health of the smoker and the others exposed to second-hand smoke.

All adults in the school have a responsibility to act as positive role models for students.

All Division facilities shall be smoke-free environments.

The Division believes it has a responsibility to ensure students who cannot legally purchase cigarettes are not in possession of, or using, tobacco products while they are at school or at a school activity.

Tobacco products, other than cigarettes, can be harmful to one's health; therefore, school environments must be tobacco free.

Tobacco products represent a serious health risk. Schools will remain free of tobacco advertising, electronic cigarettes (vaporizers), or any other product which seeks to glamorize or entice youth to begin smoking.

Procedures

The Division prohibits the possession and/or use of tobacco products within all Division facilities and properties as follows:

1. The possession by minors and use of tobacco products by all persons shall be prohibited in all Division facilities and on all Division properties.
2. Appropriate signs will be placed in conspicuous places in all Division facilities and properties.
3. Community groups utilizing Division facilities shall be advised of the restrictions with respect to possession and prohibition regarding usage of tobacco products. Contravention of this administrative procedure may result in the cancellation of rental privileges.
4. Tobacco may be used on Division property for special aboriginal ceremonies as approved by the Principal.
5. New staff members shall be advised of the prohibition at the time of hiring.