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## **Purpose/Background**

The Division is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, employees and visitors. All buildings and vehicles owned and operated by the Division, and all Division property, shall be smoke-free environments including restricting the use of:

- Tobacco
- Marijuana or other substances
- E-cigarettes

The only exception being Indigenous ceremonial use of tobacco for Smudging Ceremonies. See AP175: Smudge and Pipe Ceremonies.

In accordance with the *Tobacco Reduction Act* and the *Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act*, the Division prohibits tobacco and E-cigarette use and possession by anyone under the age of 18 years of age in schools, in vehicles owned and operated by the Division and on school grounds or at school-related activities. Employees of the Division are expected to model the expectations of this Administrative Procedure.

## **Procedures**

1. This Administrative Procedure applies to all users of Division operated buildings, including students, employees and visitors. It applies to all school activities as well as community use activities at Division operated buildings.
2. This Administrative Procedure applies to vehicles owned and operated by the Division, which includes vehicles that are leased or contracted to the Division, including school buses.
3. The Division will provide appropriate signs designating its facilities and vehicles to be smoke-free.
4. With the prior approval of the Principal, the use of tobacco is permitted as part of religious/ceremonial events.

## **Reference:**

- AP175: Smudge and Pipe Ceremonies
- Board Policy 22 Community Use of School Facilities and Equipment
- Education Act Sections 31, 32, 33, 52, 53, 68, 196, 197, 204, 222, and 225
- Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act
- Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Regulation 13/2003
- Tobacco Reduction Act