

SMOKE, VAPE AND TOBACCO USE

Background

HPSD recognizes the health risks associated with tobacco products including chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes and vaping products. Smoking, vaping and the use of tobacco products in any form are not conducive to the maintenance of a healthy environment and may lead to addiction and/or illness.

Definitions:

Smoking - includes the act of smoking and/or the holding of lighted tobacco, cannabis, or the use of other tobacco-type products, for example, chewing tobacco.

Vaping - means using a vaporizer or inhalant-type device, whether called an electronic cigarette or any other name, that contains a power source and heating element designed to heat a substance and inhaling the vapor of the device directly through the mouth, whether or not the vapor contains nicotine.

Procedures

1. Schools:

1.1. Students

- 1.1.1. Students may not use vaping or tobacco products including electronic cigarette products, while in school, on the school premises, on the school property or during school related functions.
- 1.1.2. If a student fails to adhere to this Administrative Procedure, the principal shall take appropriate disciplinary action.

1.2. Staff and Visitor

- 1.2.1. Tobacco or vaping use by staff or visitors in school or on the school premises or on the school property or during school related functions is not permitted, unless a designated outside area has been approved by the principal.
- 1.2.2. Users of rental space in HPSP facilities are to be notified and must comply with this procedure on Smoke, Vape and Tobacco Use and Products.

1.3. Principals/Supervisors are responsible for:

- 1.3.1. Advising staff, students and their parents of this Administrative Procedure;
- 1.3.2. Implementing and monitoring educational programs designed to inform participants about the health risks associated with the use of tobacco and vaping products and to discourage the use of tobacco and vaping products;
- 1.3.3. Ensuring that students do not use tobacco or vaping products in school facilities or on HPSP property;
- 1.3.4. Ensuring that staff do not smoke or vape on HPSP property unless a designated outside area, other than the main entrance(s) has been approved by the principal/supervisor;
 - 1.3.4.1. Ensuring the designated portion of the grounds is a minimum of five metres from a doorway, window that opens, or air intake for the building;
- 1.3.5. Advising user groups that school facilities and school property are smoke-free.

2. The proper use of tobacco for Indigenous traditional ceremonial occasions such as gifting to Elders is permitted.

3. HPSP Facilities and Vehicles

- 3.1. Smoking, using electronic cigarettes or vaping shall not be permitted at any time:
 - 3.1.1. in HPSP buildings; or
 - 3.1.2. in vehicles that are owned or leased by HPSP.

References

Education Act, Sections 31, 32, 33, 52, 53, 197, 222
Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act

Cross Reference

Administrative Procedure 164 - Smudging and Pipe Ceremonies in Schools

Administrative Procedure 175 - Health and Safety

Administrative Procedure 241- Nutrition

Administrative Procedure 340 - Student Code of Conduct

Administrative Procedure 348 - Student Substance Abuse

Vaping Information for Families 2024