



POLICY STATEMENT

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The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board is committed to providing a healthy environment for learning and working. This commitment reflects increasing medical evidence of the potentially injurious impact and long term consequences of smoking, second-hand smoke and the use of tobacco products.

The Board believes in communicating to students, staff, parents/guardian(s), members of school communities and the users of school and/or Board facilities and properties, the regulations set by the Smoke Free Ontario Act as they apply to the properties of the Board.

The Board recognizes the need to provide and support students and staff with positive educational programs that foster healthy life-style decisions relative to the use of tobacco products.

1. Smoke Free Environment - General

In general,

1.1 all buildings and properties of the Board shall be smoke and tobacco product free, smoke and cannabis free, free of the usage of vapour products, and free of any prescribed product or substance. This also includes Board vehicles owned, operated, contracted (i.e. taxis) or chartered in any location for Board purposes or school-related activities; and

1.2 no person shall do any of the following:

- 1.1.1 smoke or hold lighted tobacco;
- 1.1.2 smoke or hold lighted cannabis;
- 1.1.3 use an electric cigarette or vapor product;
- 1.1.4 consume a prescribed product or substance in a prescribed manner.

2. Traditional Use of Tobacco by Indigenous Persons

2.1 the traditional use of tobacco, that forms part of Indigenous culture and spirituality, is acknowledged and allowed by the Board for ceremonial purposes when deemed appropriate and in accordance with the Smoke Free Ontario Act (SFOA).

2.3. Smoke Free Environment - Education

The principal or supervisor (where applicable), shall:

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- 5.3 consult and collaborate with local Health Unit officials to implement and enforce the expectations and regulations of this policy and the Smoke-Free Ontario Act

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