



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) endeavors to provide and maintain learning and working environments which safeguard the health and welfare of students and employees. Such environments are free from the harmful effects of primary or secondary smoke and are in compliance with the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*, Municipal by-laws, the *Education Act*, and the *Cannabis Act*.

REFERENCES

Cannabis Act, 2017

Education Act

Smoke-Free Ontario Act

Policy Program Memorandum (PPM)

128 The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct

DEFINITIONS

Nil.

POLICY REGULATIONS

- 1.0 Smoking is prohibited in all premises and on all premises, owned, leased and/or operated by the Board, including school buildings, parking lots, sports fields, driveways, courtyards, or while in vehicles on school premises at all times, and within a 20-metre perimeter of public areas outside of school property.
- 2.0 All NCDSB facilities will have the appropriate signage posted, indicating that the facility is “smoke-free”.
- 3.0 No person shall consume cannabis, tobacco or tobacco products, use or inhale electronic cigarettes, vapour emitting smoking products, all electronic nicotine delivery systems or hold lighted cannabis, tobacco or tobacco products while on NCDSB properties, during school or Board sanctioned events and activities.
- 4.0 The Board shall provide students and staff with appropriate learning opportunities and supportive resources to educate them on the health impacts of smoking and vaping, as well as promote smoking avoidance and cessation.

5.0 The traditional use of tobacco that forms part of Indigenous culture and spirituality is permissible where not prohibited by the *Smoke Free Ontario Act*.