



# KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## POLICY STATEMENT

**Section: Educational Services**

- **Student Welfare**

**Policy Code: ES-1.3**

**Policy: SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT**

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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, parent(s)/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 all 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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- 3.1 actively and regularly communicate the Smoke Free Environment policy to students, staff, parents, members of the school community and users of school/Board facilities through such venues as a student handbook, schools' behaviour codes, newsletters, assemblies, contract agreements, etc.;
- 3.2 facilitate the provision of cessation programs for students and/or staff who wish to quit smoking; and
- 3.3 ensure that students receive the appropriate educational program regarding smoking as outlined in the Ontario Curriculum Health and Physical Education.

#### **4. Smoke Free Environment - Prevention**

The principal or supervisor (where applicable), shall:

- 4.1 create a smoke free environment in school buildings, facilities and Board properties by implementing the Smoke Free Environment policy;
- 4.2 ensure that Board properties, including building interiors and grounds are posted with no smoking signs;
- 4.3 inform students, staff, parent(s)/guardian(s) and school community members of the Ministry of Health's Smoke-Free Ontario Act and the Board's non-smoking enforcement procedures; and
- 4.4 be cognizant of the potential for off the property problems that could arise as a result of the no smoking policy on Board property and thus monitor the situation and clean up areas, if necessary.

#### **5. Smoke Free Environment - Compliance**

The principal or supervisor (where applicable), shall:

- 5.1 address any contravention of this policy positively and if necessary, initiate appropriate progressive disciplinary action for staff with Administrative Regulation No. HR-5.3.3 Progressive Discipline and/or for students in accordance with Administrative Regulation No. ES-1.1.1, Safe, Caring and Restorative Schools: Discipline/Promoting Positive Student Behaviour/Code of Conduct;
- 5.2 address any contravention of this policy by contracted services staff (i.e. taxi drivers, trades people) and/or members of the school community, with appropriate reminders and action, if necessary, relative to the conditions/terms of the contract work or by virtue of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act; and

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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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