

SECTION 6: OPERATIONS

Policy 6.13: Smoking on School Property

Supporting Policies:

[6.49.01\(2.1\) Board Code of Conduct](#)

Supporting Procedures:

[Smudging Procedure](#)

Supporting Protocols and Guidelines:

Supporting Templates and Forms:

Other Resources:

[Smoke Free Ontario Act](#)

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Policy Statement

All students and staff have the right to a safe and healthy learning and working environment. In accordance with the *Smoke Free Ontario Act (SFOA)*, the Board provides a working and learning environment which is free from exposure to second hand smoke from tobacco and cannabis products. Smoking and/or holding lit tobacco and/or cannabis products is therefore prohibited on Board property, in Board vehicles or in personal vehicles on Board property. Common types of tobacco products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, blunt wraps, beedies, shisha.

In accordance with the *SFOA*, if a member of the Board's Indigenous community requests to use tobacco for traditional Indigenous cultural purposes, every effort will be made to accommodate these practices in an appropriately designated space using the Board's *Smudging Procedure*.

The Board also prohibits the use of any products containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption. Common types of these tobacco products include, but are not limited to, chew, plug, snuff and snus. These are also prohibited on Board property, in Board vehicles or in personal vehicles on Board property. In addition, the Board prohibits any products containing, made or derived from cannabis that are consumed for non-medical purposes.

Finally, emerging products that are marketed as alternatives to smoking that include but are not limited to electronic cigarettes and vaping, as well as cartridges of nicotine or herbal solutions and non-tobacco herbal shisha and water pipes are prohibited on Board property, in Board vehicles or in personal vehicles on Board property.