

Smoking/Vaping Ban	
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Associated Policies & Procedures: II-28 Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Education and Abuse in Schools II-39 Progressive Discipline & Safety in Schools Code of Conduct - Suspensions & Expulsions VI-44 Progressive Discipline and Safety in Schools V-01 Use of School Grounds and Community Use of School Facilities VI-64 Community Use of School Facilities	

Purpose

To ensure compliance to the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017, which prohibits the smoking of tobacco, the use of electronic-cigarettes (e-cigarettes) to vape any substance, and the smoking of cannabis (medical and recreational) in enclosed workplaces and enclosed public spaces, as well as other designated places in Ontario, to protect workers and the public from second-hand smoke and vapour.

Smoking and vaping is not allowed in schools, including the grounds associated with the school, and public areas within 20 metres of any point on the perimeter of the grounds of the school.

Application and Scope

This policy applies to all staff, students, parents, and visitors on school property including parking lots, inside vehicles, on sports fields and public areas within 20 metres from the perimeter of the school property.

References

[Smoke-Free Ontario Act 2017](#)

[Making Healthier Choices Act 2015](#)

[Cannabis Control Act \(Ontario\)](#)

[Halton Region – Drugs, Alcohol & Tobacco](#)

Definitions

Smoking means smoking (inhaling and exhaling) or holding lighted tobacco or cannabis (medical or recreational)

Vaping means inhaling or exhaling vapour from an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) or holding an activated e-cigarette, whether or not the vapour contains nicotine

Principles

The Halton Catholic District School Board acknowledges that there is sufficient medical evidence to support significant health risks as a result of smoking and for non-smokers who are exposed to 'second-hand' smoke.

Further, recognizing that such health risks promote cardiovascular and respiratory diseases at an increased rate of incidence, and that second-hand smoke is an irritant to non-smokers who are also exposed to an increased risk of respiratory diseases and lung cancer, the Halton Catholic District School Board endorses a smoke-free environment for all occupants.

Requirements

The Act stipulates several obligations, which include the following:

- ensuring that employees, students and members of the public do not smoke or vape on school property;
- ensuring employees, students, and visitors are aware of the smoking and vaping prohibitions, including not smoking or vaping within 20 metres of the school grounds;
- posting appropriate signage at all entrances, exits, and other locations in order to inform everyone that smoking/vaping is prohibited;
- ensuring ashtrays and any object(s) that serve as one are removed from the property;
- ensuring that a person, who does not comply with the Act, does not remain on the property;
- ensuring all forms of tobacco and cannabis, including vaping of any kind, are strictly prohibited on Board property

Failure to comply with the Smoke Free Ontario Act (including smoking and vaping) may include fines and/or discipline.



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