

<b>Alcohol, Tobacco, Vaping, and Drug Education and Abuse in Schools</b>	
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<b>Associated Policies &amp; Procedures:</b> <a href="#">I-14 Smoking/Vaping Ban</a> <a href="#">II-39 Progressive Discipline and Safety in Schools/Code of Conduct – Suspensions and Expulsions</a> <a href="#">VI-44 Progressive Discipline and Safety in Schools</a>	

## Purpose

The Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) has an interest in the social, personal, legal, spiritual and healthy wellbeing of its students..

## Application and Scope

This policy applies to all students of the HCDSB on school property, at school or HCDSB authorized activities, inside vehicles, on sports fields, and public areas within 20 metres from the perimeter of the school property, or in other venues or locations where an inappropriate act is considered by the Principal to be detrimental to the moral tone of the school and/or the physical or mental wellbeing of the students.

## References

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

[Halton Region – Substance Abuse](#)

[HCDSB Code of Conduct and Standards of Behaviour](#)

[Liquor Licence Act](#)

[Making Healthier Choices Act 2015](#)

[Ontario Regulation 268/18](#)

[PPM 128](#)

## [Smoke-Free Ontario Act 2017](#)

### 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

HCDSB recognizes that the consumption of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and drugs can impair an individual student's well-being and can also interfere with their ability to learn and function in society.

HCDSB acknowledges that student alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and drug use, either on its property or at its events, interferes with the legitimate academic and extra-curricular interests of other students and staff.

HCDSB will take proactive measures to educate students about the potential negative impacts of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and drug use on their social, personal, legal, spiritual and healthy well-being.

### Requirements

- Appropriate training for HCDSB staff will continue to be provided as necessary so they have the knowledge and the skills to promote healthy lifestyles.
- Preventative Drug Education programs will be provided to students concerning their decisions about alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and drug use.
- Community partnerships will be encouraged in order to achieve a collaborative approach to alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and drug education and intervention.
- The possession of alcohol or drugs, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or drugs on school property, at school or HCDSB authorized activities, while using school authorized transportation services, or in other venues or locations where an inappropriate act is considered by the Principal to be detrimental to the moral tone of the school and/or the physical or mental well-being of the student(s) will not be tolerated.
- Consequences for tobacco, vaping, alcohol and drug infractions will be provided according to the Safe Schools Act and the HCDSB Code of Conduct and Standards of Behaviour.
- The application of this policy, including the application of consequences to students or direction to visitors to the school grounds or property, must be consistent with the

Requirements of *Policy II-39 Progressive Discipline and Safety in Schools – Code of Conduct – Suspensions and Expulsions*. Furthermore, failure to comply with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (including smoking and vaping) may include fines.

- Where appropriate, and in consultation with parents/guardians, students may be referred to community agencies for counselling.
- During the first term/semester, the Principal shall inform all students and parents/guardians of HCDSB's *Policy II-28 Alcohol, Tobacco, Vaping, and Drug Education and Abuse in Schools*, including its preventive procedures as well as its intervention and disciplinary procedures.

APPROVED: Regular Meeting of the Board

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