



Tobacco, Cannabis and Smoke-Free Environment

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Policy Statement

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is free from the harmful effects of the use of tobacco products, cannabis products, shisha and other imitation smoking-related products and accessories.

The Board will declare, establish, and maintain an environment free from tobacco, cannabis, smoke, and vapour. This means that smoking and/or holding lighted tobacco and/or cannabis products, as well as consuming or using any smokeless tobacco and/or cannabis products, shisha or imitation smoking-related products and accessories, including e-cigarettes and vaporizers are prohibited anywhere on Board property or property that is used for board purposes. The procedure also pertains to property that is used for school purposes that fall under a shared land use agreement with the local municipality and to vehicles parked on property at all times.

Policy Goals

1. To ensure compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017.
2. To ensure students, employees, and visitors are aware of the smoking and vaping prohibitions, including not smoking or vaping within 20 metres of all Board owned sites and property.

Definitions

Board Property: refers to any property owned or occupied by the Board, including administrative and non-administrative buildings, schools (and their surrounding property), and Board owned or leased vehicles and machinery. Temporary structures erected on Board property are also considered Board property. Property that is used for school purposes that fall under a shared land use agreement also meets the definition of Board Property.

Tobacco Product: is defined as any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, heated, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, sniffed or ingested by any other means, or any component part, or accessory of the tobacco product. Common types of tobacco products include but are not limited to cigarettes, cigarillos, cigars, chew, plug, snus, snuff, blunt wraps, beedies, and shisha (tobacco or herbal).

Cannabis Product: is defined as any product containing, made or derived from cannabis that is intended for human consumption whether smoked, heated, inhaled, dissolved, or ingested by any other means, or any component part, or accessory of the cannabis product. Common types of cannabis products include dried cannabis (e.g., joints, spliffs, blunts), concentrated cannabis products (e.g., hash, hash oil, shatter, wax), and edible cannabis concentrates (food or drink products containing cannabis).

Imitation Smoking and Vapour Products: include any product that resembles any tobacco or electronic smoking or vaped product, and / or is marketed or intended to be used as an alternative to tobacco use, that is not an approved smoking cessation device. Prohibited imitation smoking and vapour products can include electronic cigarettes, cigars, and pipes as well as the cartridges and solutions, whether or not they contain nicotine. They produce a vapour that resembles smoke. They consist of a battery-powered delivery system that vaporizes and delivers a liquid chemical mixture that may be composed of various amounts of nicotine, propylene glycol, and/or other chemicals. This does not include any product that is approved by Health Canada as a quit smoking aid (e.g. nicotine patches, mist, inhalers, gum and lozenges), or is prescribed as a medicine for lung ailments (e.g. Ventolin or steroid inhaler)

Tobacco, Cannabis and Smoking-Related Accessory: means any item that is used for the consumption of a tobacco or cannabis product, including but not limited to pipes, bongs, cigarette holders, lighters, matches, rolling papers, cigarette cases, spit bottles, tins, tubs, chargers, mouth pieces, cutters, charcoal, waterpipe / hookah, grinders and dabbers/nails.

Tobacco, Cannabis, and Smoke-Free Environment: is an environment that is free from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke and vapour, and free from the use of any tobacco product, cannabis, imitation tobacco and smoking-related products or accessories.