

## Smoke-Free Environment Policy

### Policy Statement:

All Eastern School District shall be a smoke-free and tobacco-free environment. This smoke free environment shall be inclusive of all its buildings, facilities, grounds, properties, activities, programs and functions.

### Rationale:

The Eastern School District has an obligation, both philosophically and pragmatically, to provide a safe, caring and healthy environment for all of its stakeholders – students, parents, legal guardians and employees.

The Eastern School District supports the current literature and research on what constitutes a healthy life-style for all Canadians. Medical research has clearly identified smoking and smoke-laden environments as major health hazards affecting our society. The Eastern School District believes that smoking and tobacco usage should not be encouraged in society and especially should not be encouraged within school facilities and/or school sponsored events, activities and functions. The District believes that it has an obligation to help ensure that students and employees, while within school facilities, are not exposed to tobacco smoke nor exposed to tobacco usage. The District also recognizes that it has regulatory requirements to provide and maintain a healthy and safe workplace that is smoke-free.

### Scope:

This policy shall apply to all buildings, facilities, grounds and properties under the jurisdiction of the Eastern School District. This policy shall also apply to all employees, students, parents/legal guardians, volunteers, visitors, outside contractor, service providers, community groups, the general public and other users while in or on schools, workplaces, buildings, facilities, properties and grounds. It shall also apply to all school and workplace sponsored activities, functions and events on or off District premises, in District-owned, rented or leased vehicles, while staff are on duty on or off District premises and while students are under the jurisdiction of the school.

### Procedures:

### Definitions:

Authority: Eastern School District  
Legal Reference: OH&S and Smoke-Free Environment  
Acts and Regulations  
Cross Reference: The Schools Act, 1997

Date Approved by Board: August 17, 2005  
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June 17, 2009

**Tobacco:** Includes any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, clove cigarette and any other smoking product, and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew and snuff in any form.

1. The CEO/Director of Education will establish Administrative Regulations that govern the application of this policy.
2. The Administrative Regulations will be reviewed annually by the CEO/Director of Education in collaboration with District Administrative Staff.
3. The Eastern School District directs that all of its facilities and vehicles that are owned, operated or leased, and all modes of transportation contracted for use to transport students, shall be smoke-free and tobacco-free environments.
4. All school and workplace sponsored activities, programs, events and functions shall be smoke-free environments.
5. Distribution or sale of tobacco products, including any smoking devices is prohibited.
6. Clothing, bags, hats and other personal items used or worn by persons to display, promote or advertise tobacco products are prohibited.
7. Tobacco advertising is prohibited.
8. Acceptance of gifts or funds from the tobacco industry is prohibited.