



Tobacco Use / Vaping

Administrative Procedure 1.A.170

Board Governance Policy Cross Reference: 1, 2, 3, 16, 17

Legal Reference: [The Non-Smoker Health Protection Act and Vapour Products Amendment Act](#)

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The School District of Mystery Lake recognizes the harmful effects of smoke and vapour on the health of both users and non-users and further recognizes its responsibility to provide a healthy environment.

All District property is designated no smoking and no vaping allowed. The use of tobacco products, vapour products and cannabis on school property and areas abutting school property is prohibited at all times for all employees, students, volunteers and visitors. School property is defined as all school buildings, grounds and properties including District offices and facilities and any properties owned or leased by, or operated under the authority of the District. The use of tobacco products, vapour products and cannabis is not permitted in private vehicles on school property, in District owned vehicles and equipment, and in any vehicle used to transport students.

The use of tobacco products, vapour products and cannabis is not permitted in a school-sponsored event (i.e. off-site activities).

GUIDELINES

1. For staff, failure to comply with the procedure may result in:
 - a verbal reminder being issued
 - a written reminder being issued
 - learning opportunities re: tobacco use/smoking/vaping
 - engaging in restitution
 - suspension without pay
 - termination of employment

2. For students, failure to comply with the procedure may result in one or more of the following;
 - confiscation and disposal of device
 - a verbal reminder

- required lesson or education on the harms, effects and hazards of smoking or vaping.
- a written reminder
- a written reminder copied to parent/guardian
- contact parent(s)/guardian(s)
- learning opportunities re: tobacco use/smoking/vaping
- counseling
- in-school suspension, letter to parent
- out-of-school suspension letter to parent
- other follow-up, consistent with restitution and the student code of conduct

3. Students will be encouraged to make healthy choices, which will be identified and supported via the health curriculum.

Exception

- The ceremonial use of tobacco if approved by the District and if performed in relation to a traditional Indigenous cultural activity.