

POLICY: <u>SMOKING AND VAPING ON BOARD/OR SCHOOL PROPERTY</u>		#	<u>726</u>
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A: POLICY

1. It is the policy of the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board to provide a smoke-free and vape-free environment for its students, staff, and others while on school / Board property or during school / Board events.

B: RATIONALE

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 - 2.1 The harmful effects of smoking and vaping on health are recognized both to the smoker or vaper as well as to the bystander. The Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board wishes to safeguard the health of its students, employees and visitors by ensuring smoke-free and vape-free learning and working environments.
 - 2.2 In accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board permits smudging and the use of sacred medicines in connection with Indigenous cultural practices at cultural and educational events, meetings, and relevant classroom presentations as per policy 725: Cultural Protocol.

C: REQUIREMENTS

3.
 - 3.1 No person (including but not limited to student, employee, visitor, facility user or member of the public) is permitted to smoke or vape, or otherwise use, sell or distribute tobacco, vaping or cannabis products on school/Board property at any time.
 - 3.2 In accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, smoking or vaping is not permitted within 20 meters of the school's property. It is against the law for any person to smoke or vape on Board property. Board property includes all school /Board buildings and extends to private vehicles while they are parked on school/Board premises.
 - 3.3 Each Board Property shall post at entrances signs prohibiting smoking and vaping.
 - 3.4 Students are prohibited from using, selling or distributing these products at any time during the school day and at anytime during school/ Board-related events.
 - 3.5 Staff are prohibited from using, selling or distributing these products during the course of their work or volunteering. Scheduled breaks and lunch are excluded from this prohibition.
 - 3.6 Smoking or vaping is prohibited in any vehicle while on Board property. No person will smoke, use, sell or distribute tobacco, vaping products or cannabis on a school bus or school chartered coach.

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- 3.7 Students who violate this policy will be subject to progressive discipline as per policy 710: Student Relations and Discipline. The student(s) shall be instructed on the health hazards associated with smoking and vaping.
- 3.8 Employees, volunteers and visitors will not smoke or vape, use, sell or distribute tobacco, vaping products or cannabis when involved in activities, including but not limited to field trips, competitive events, extracurricular activities or any other work-related activity where students are present.
- 3.9 The Board does not assume responsibility for fines levied to staff, students or visitors found in violation of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, Cannabis Act or any other legislation or law.