



Administrative Procedure 162

SMOKE AND VAPE FREE ENVIRONMENT

Background

Each employee, school visitor and student is to have the opportunity for full participation in employment, District activities and instruction, in an environment free of smoke or vapor from any substance.

Definitions

E-cigarette means the following:

A product or device, whether or not it resembles a cigarette, containing an electronic or battery-powered heating element capable of vaporizing an e-substance for inhalation or release into the air; or, a prescribed product or device similar in nature or use to a product or device described as above.

E-substance means a solid, liquid or gas:

That, on being heated, produces a vapor for use in an e-cigarette, regardless of whether the solid, liquid or gas contains nicotine; and, that is not a controlled substance within the meaning of the [Controlled Drugs and Substances Act](#) (Canada).

School Property means property that is owned or leased by, or operated under the authority of the District, and is used for the purpose of delivering educational programs or other learning programs and includes real property and improvements, personal property and areas consisting of a sidewalk, boulevard or similar components that abuts school property.

Vape/Vaping to inhale vapor from e-cigarettes or other devices that let you breathe in nicotine or other drugs as vapor rather than smoke. These devices heat up and vaporize liquids or solids so it can be inhaled by the user.

Vapor Product means the following:

An e-cigarette; an e-substance; or, a cartridge for, or a component of, an e-cigarette.

Procedures

1. Consistent with the Tobacco and Vapor Products Control Act and the Tobacco and Vapor Products Control Regulation, the District prohibits the smoking of any substance (including the smoking of cannabis) and the use of vapor products (including cannabis vapor products) at any time or in any place on school property or used for school purposes, including in vehicles in parking lots or in any District buildings or vehicles.

2. All elementary, middle and secondary schools will develop an implementation plan for smoking prevention education based on existing Ministry of Education curriculum and support materials with the desired goals of preventing students from starting to smoke/vape and of reducing the number of established smokers among District students.

Reference: Sections 6, 17, 20, 22, 26, 65, 85 School Act
Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act
Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Act
School Regulation 265/89
Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulation

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