

POLICY

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The harmful effects of smoking on health are recognized, both to the smoker as well as the non-smoker who is exposed to second-hand smoke. The District School Board of Niagara wishes to safeguard the health of its students and employees by ensuring smoke-free learning and working environments.

1. In accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, smoking or the holding of lit tobacco is prohibited on all school lands and premises, and in all Board owned vehicles.
2. In addition, any smoking device and smokeless tobacco product (e.g., chewing tobacco), or vaping device which includes e-cigarettes are prohibited from all school board lands and premises.
3. Due to the fact that Administrative and outdoor education facilities are frequently used as a classroom and co-op placement site, smoking is also prohibited on the Education Centre, School Support Services, Outdoor Education Centres and Service Centre premises.
4. Students shall be instructed on the health hazards associated with smoking. In addition to the Health Curriculum, teachers are encouraged to reinforce the message in other courses as well as in activities such as coaching. Schools are encouraged to display posters dealing with the negative effects of smoking.
5. School and Site Administrators shall ensure that "No Smoking" signs are posted in accordance with the legislation and regulations.
6. Persons/organizations who use Board facilities and their grounds shall agree to abide by this Policy as a condition of their community use of schools agreement for the use of the facilities/grounds.
7. Smoking is prohibited in a motor vehicle driven by a school volunteer carrying student passengers, regardless of the age of the student.
8. An exception to this policy shall be made for the traditional use of tobacco that forms part of Aboriginal culture and spirituality, when used for such purposes in consultation with the school Administrator.