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**POLICY HANDBOOK****POLICY**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HORIZON SCHOOL DIVISION RECOGNIZES ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE A TOBACCO AND CANNABIS FREE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS. IT THEREFORE DECLARES ALL DIVISION PREMISES AND PROPERTY TO BE TOBACCO AND CANNABIS FREE ENVIRONMENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CEREMONIAL TOBACCO ACTIVITIES RELATED TO INDIGENOUS CULTURES.

**REGULATIONS**

1. All Division premises including buildings, grounds, vehicles, and events shall be tobacco-and cannabis free environments on a 24 hour per day basis.
2. Principals and managers shall be responsible for implementing the Tobacco and Cannabis Free Environment Policy.
3. Board approved "No Smoking" signs may be posted throughout all Division premises.
4. New employees and contractors shall be advised of this policy at the time of hiring.
5. Staff, students and visitors in any Division premises shall adhere to the policy and regulations.
6. Students in violation of the Tobacco and Cannabis Free Environment Policy – in possession or using tobacco, marijuana/cannabis, their products, and/or paraphernalia including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, electronic cigarettes, vapes, spit tobacco, shisha, snus, snuff, or any other kind of tobacco product, marijuana/cannabis, and/or hookah/shisha/waterpipes in school or on school grounds, and school jurisdiction vehicles are subject to immediate confiscation and will face appropriate disciplinary consequences.
7. Community groups or users of rental or leased space in schools shall be notified by the Principal of this policy. Failure to comply will result in cancellation of user privileges.
8. Principals may apply to the Superintendent to designate an outdoor area where staff may smoke if smoking off school property creates a safety concern or concern regarding respect for neighbors' property.
9. With principal approval tobacco may be brought onto school premises for gifting to Indigenous people.

10. With principal approval smudging may occur on school premises as part of Indigenous ceremonies.