

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



BOARD POLICY	
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POLICY TITLE: SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

SECTION A

1. PURPOSE

The Board endeavours to provide and maintain learning and working environments which safeguard the health and welfare of students and employees. Such environments are free from the harmful effects of primary or secondary smoke and uphold the legislation to the broader community by prohibiting smoking or the holding of lit tobacco on Board property and in Board premises.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the York Catholic District School Board to declare, establish and maintain a smoke free environment in all premises and on all properties, owned and/or operated by the Board.

3. PARAMETERS

- 3.1 This policy is governed by the Smoke Free Ontario Act (SFOA) which prohibits smoking or the holding of lit tobacco on board premises.
- 3.2 Persons who fail to comply with the Act are subject to consequences as may be imposed by enforcement of the Smoke Free Ontario Act and/or Safe School policies and/or Codes of Conduct of the York Catholic District School Board and the local school.
- 3.3 'No smoking' signage shall be posted in all entrances to Board premises.
- 3.4 A copy of this policy will be made available in all schools and premises owned and /or operated by the Board and shall be made known to all Board employees.
- 3.5 Relevant material dealing with Smoke Free Ontario legislation and/or information relating to anti-smoking, smoking cessation and health shall be posted in all Board premises.
- 3.6 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.

