

Yukon Education

Policy Subject: Tobacco-Free Schools

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Legislation: *Education Act, Tobacco Act (Canada), Smoke Free Environment- Policy 3.50 –General Administration Manual,*

Cross Reference:

1006 Substance Abuse

Department of Education supports:

1. The prohibition of tobacco use in all schools and school facilities and government owned vehicles, in accordance with the Government of Education Smoke-Free Environment Policy, 3.50, General Administration Manual.
2. Promoting healthy lifestyles including the reduction and elimination of tobacco use.
3. Providing effective educational programs and positive role modeling for students about tobacco use.
4. Balancing the desire for tobacco free schools with the need to provide effective supervision of students.
5. Ensuring schools adhere to tobacco use legislation, overall government tobacco use policy which prohibits smoking in schools, and relevant local and municipal bylaws related to tobacco use.

Definitions

For purpose of this policy, "smoking" refers to all uses of

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tobacco including cigars, cigarettes, chewing tobacco and pipes and tobacco products.

Standards and Procedures

1. Smoking is not permitted in school buildings, facilities or vehicles used for transportation of students for school sponsored events.
2. Staff, students and members of the public are expected to observe school rules regarding tobacco use at all times and to fully comply with this policy and all school rules as they relate to the rules of smoking.
3. The administrator shall make known the school rules on smoking on the school grounds outside of the building by posting the rules on bulletin boards, announcements at staff meetings and regular announcements in school newsletters.
4. The school rules will be included as a part of the package distributed to user groups who request information for building utilization. If it is discovered that an individual group is not in compliance with this policy, that group will be denied use of school facilities.
5. The administrator may, at any time, initiate comprehensive smoking cessation programs in their school and may request assistance from the Department of Health and Social Services.