

Yukon Education

Policy Subject: Tobacco-Free Schools

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Legislation: *Education Act, Smoke-Free Places Act, Tobacco Act, Smoke Free Environment- Policy 3.50 –General Administration Manual.*

Cross Reference:

1006 Substance Abuse Policy

Department of Education supports:

1. The prohibition of tobacco use in all school facilities, on all school grounds and in vehicles used to transport students under the age of 19 in accordance with the *Smoke-Free Places Act* and 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. Ensuring school administrators play an active role in advising students and teachers that smoking is not permitted on school grounds, in school facilities or in vehicles carrying students under the age of 19.
5. Ensuring that schools establish policies regarding students leaving the school property during school hours.

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Definitions

For purpose of this policy, "smoking" refers to all uses of tobacco including cigars, cigarettes, chewing tobacco and pipes and tobacco products.

Standards and Procedures

1. Smoking is not permitted in school buildings, facilities or in vehicles carrying students under the age of 19 for school sponsored events or on school grounds.
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 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.
4. 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.