



Policy Manual – Building/Plant/Grounds

B.B.05 Cannabis, Tobacco and Smoke-Free Schools

The mission of Catholic Education in Hamilton-Wentworth, in union with our Bishop, is to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which Our Lord Jesus Christ is the model

Policy Statement:

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is committed to ensuring the health and well-being of its students, staff and visitors, as well as the Catholic school community which it serves.

Accordingly, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board does not permit smoking or the use of cannabis or tobacco products on any and all Board properties or during school or Board sanctioned activities or events.

No person shall consume cannabis, tobacco or tobacco products or use or inhale electronic cigarettes, vapour emitting smoking products, all electronic nicotine delivery systems or hold lighted cannabis, tobacco or tobacco products.

Electronic products such as electronic cigarettes, cigars, and pipes as well as cartridges of nicotine solutions and related products are prohibited in a school or on any and all Board properties or during school or Board sanctioned activities or events.

Electronic smoking products consisting of a battery-powered delivery system that produces a vapour which resembles smoke and/or a vapour that delivers a liquid chemical mixture which may be composed of various amounts of nicotine, propylene glycol, and/or other chemicals are prohibited in a school or on any and all Board properties or during school or Board sanctioned activities or events.

Hookah, including waterpipes and any associated products and devices which are used to produce fumes, smoke and/or vapour from the burning of material including, but not limited to, cannabis, shisha, tobacco or other plant matter is prohibited in a school and on any and all Board properties or during school or Board sanctioned activities or events.

Purpose

The primary purpose of this policy is to enhance the overall health and well-being of all members of the Catholic school community of Hamilton-Wentworth.

This policy also serves to:

- confirm the Board's commitment to a healthy and safe environment;
- diminish exposure to smoke and cannabis and tobacco products, and promote health and safety by prohibiting smoking and cannabis and tobacco use on Board property;

- support reduction and cessation of smoking and cannabis and tobacco products through education, culture change and increased access to resources and support, such as counselling; and,
- acknowledge that some traditional cultural ceremonies involve the use of ceremonial tobacco.

Responsibility: Director of Education

Regulations

Cannabis Act, 2017

Education Act, RSO 1990 –

Subsection 1. (1) - Interpretation, other General Matters - School Site

Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017

Related Policies: B.R. 01 Community Use of School Facilities

Related Board Committee: Committee of the Whole

Policy Review Date:

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