

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Section FACILITIES & GROUNDS

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RATIONALE

The Superior-Greenstone District School Board places as a first priority the health and safety of students and staff.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board not to permit smoking or vaping on any Board-owned property at any time. Smoking/vaping is prohibited in schools, offices and Board-operated vehicles.

DEFINITION

For the purposes of this policy:

- “smoking” means smoking (inhaling and exhaling) **or holding lighted tobacco or cannabis** (medical or recreational)
- “vaping” means inhaling or exhaling vapour from an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) **or holding an activated e-cigarette**, whether or not the vapour contains nicotine

SCOPE

The *Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017* identifies smoking as applying to:

- (a) tobacco in any processed or unprocessed form that may be smoked, inhaled or chewed, including snuff, but not to products intended for use in nicotine replacement therapy;
- (b) cannabis;
- (c) vapour products; and
- (d) prescribed products and substances.

PROCEDURES

1.0 Health Risk

The Board believes that smoking/vaping poses a significant health risk to the smoker, and there is evidence that non-smokers exposed to side-stream smoke are also at risk.

2.0 Obligation

As a concerned employer, the Board has a responsibility to provide a healthy working environment for its staff and students.

3.0 Model

Lifetime smoking/vaping habits are often formed during the school years and therefore, the school has a responsibility to encourage non-smoking through the formal classroom instruction and by example.

4.0 Rights

The right of a non-smoker to protect his/her health shall prevail over the wish of an employee or student to smoke/vape.