

## **Tobacco Free Environments**

### **Policy 4030**

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The Board of Education believes that it is the right of its employees and all children in its care to learn and work in a smoke and tobacco free environment. The Board supports the Ministry of Health's initiatives to eliminate smoking and the use of tobacco products.

This policy applies to all employees, students, and contractors of School District #81 and the general public.

The District administration and school administrative officers are responsible for implementing this policy and ensuring that all users of District buildings and facilities are aware of the intent of, and comply with, the guidelines of this policy.

#### Guidelines

1. The use of tobacco or smokeless tobacco products or electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), holding lighted tobacco, and the display of tobacco products are prohibited **at all times** in all school and District buildings, vehicles, and on all school grounds.
2. All staff are encouraged to utilize lessons on anti-tobacco products, hazards, and prevention.
3. All schools are encouraged to display Ministry of Health and local Health Authority publications and other relevant materials regarding the hazards of tobacco product use.
4. The Board will continue to use various strategies to support their commitment to a tobacco free environment.