

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE

Tobacco-Free Environment

Effective Date: April 19, 2017

Responsibility: Director of Education

POLICY

The Near North District School Board will provide learning and working environments, free from tobacco products (*e.g., cigarettes, cigars, blunt wraps, chew, plug, snuff, snus, etc.*) and tobacco like products and by-products (*e.g., electronic cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vaping devices, cartridges of nicotine solutions, hookah, pipes or any other apparatus to smoke shisha or other plant matter tha. ~~2017 (pr) 8 (pl) pr) 6 (2) 5 (4) n~~*

4.1 An exception to this policy may be made for the traditional use of tobacco as an Indigenous cultural practice. The Near North District School Board recognizes that smudging is a part of the Indigenous traditional way of life and is, therefore, permitted on Board and school sites, in designated spaces, subject to proper safety measures.

The following table outlines examples of common tobacco products and their accessories:

PROHIBITED PRODUCT (Includes, but is not limited to)	PROHIBITED ACCESSORIES (Includes, but is not limited to)
Lighted Tobacco: Cigarettes, pipes, cigars, cigarillos, blunt wraps, beedies	Lighters, matches, rolling papers, plastic/tin cigarette cases, cigarette holders
Smokeless Tobacco: Chew, plug, snus, snuff	Spit bottles, tins, tubs
Shisha: Tobacco and/or herbal	Waterpipe/hookah, pipes, apparatus, charcoal, mouthpiece, e-juice/e- liquid, nicotine solutions.
Imitation Tobacco: Electronic smoking devices/vaping products i.e. cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes/hookahs	Nicotine/non-nicotine cartridges, chargers, e-cigarettes, e-pipes, e- water pipes/hookahs

Most of these products are shaped to look like their conventional counterparts. They produce a vapour that resembles smoke and glow that resembles the tip of a cigarette or cigar. They consist of a battery-powered delivery system that vaporizes and delivers a liquid chemical mixture that may be composed of various amounts of nicotine, propylene glycol, and/or other chemicals. This does not include any product that is approved by Health Canada as a quit smoking aid.

Smudging – an Indigenous cultural practice that involves the burning of one of the four sacred medicines gathered from the earth: sweet grass, sage, cedar, and tobacco.

Tobacco-Related Accessory means any item that is used for the consumption of a tobacco product, including but not limited to, pipes, cigarette holders, lighters, matches, rolling papers, cigarette cases, spit bottles, tins, tubs, chargers, mouth pieces, charcoal, water pipes / hookahs, etc.

Tobacco-Free Environment (TFE) - An environment that is free from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke and free from the use of any tobacco product, imitation tobacco products or tobacco-related accessories.