

MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

**~~TOBACCO~~ ~~SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT~~ USE OF TOBACCO, RECREATIONAL
CANNABIS AND SMOKING MATERIALS**

BACKGROUND

~~Providing a healthy working environment for employees and a healthy and learning environment for employees and students is a priority of Medicine Hat Public School Division.~~ ~~The use of tobacco and other smoking materials has proven to be a serious health risk for those smoking as well as for individuals exposed to second hand smoke. Medicine Hat Public School The Division encourages healthy lifestyles and is committed to an environment free from the use of tobacco, recreational cannabis products and smoking materials in a smoke free environment for students, staff and visitors.~~

~~The district is a tobacco-free environment.~~

POLICY

~~The Board of Trustees of the Medicine Hat Public School Division No. 76 is committed to providing a work and learning environment that is smoke free for students, staff and visitors; where Division school sites, properties, vehicles and school sponsored activities will be free from the use of tobacco and recreational cannabis products and smoking materials. in a smoke free environment for students, staff and visitors.~~

~~ensuring a smoke-free environment. The use of tobacco products and other smoking materials in any form by students, staff or visitors is not conducive to the maintenance of a healthy environment. All District premises, vehicles and school sponsored activities will be free from the use of all smoking materials.~~

~~The possession and use of tobacco products in the buildings and on the grounds of the district is restricted for all students.~~

~~The use of tobacco products in the buildings, on the grounds, and in the vehicles of the district is prohibited for all staff, user groups and visitors.~~

Approved & Adopted:

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Coordinating October 1, 2018

Administrators October 10, 2018

District Council October 17, 2018

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REFERENCES

Procedure 825 P 001 Use of Tobacco, Recreational Cannabis and Smoking Materials

MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

TITLE: Use of Tobacco, Recreational Cannabis and Smoking Materials	POLICY REFERENCE: 825 Use of Tobacco, Recreational Cannabis and Smoking Materials
PROCEDURE CODE: 825 P 001	EXHIBITS:

BACKGROUND

Providing a healthy working and learning environment for employees and students is a priority of Medicine Hat Public School Division. The Division is committed to a smoke free environment for students, staff and visitors, free from the use of tobacco, recreational cannabis products and smoking materials.

DEFINITIONS

Smoking materials include any tobacco product or tobacco like product which includes but is not limited to cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers (vaping), cigars, marijuana/cannabis, and pipes/hookah & shisha.

Tobacco and recreational cannabis products include, but are not limited to, spit tobacco and edible cannabis.

PROCEDURES

1. All Division school sites, properties, vehicles and school sponsored activities will be free from the use of tobacco and recreational cannabis products and smoking materials in a smoke free environment for students, staff and visitors.
2. School Principals will ensure that all students, staff, parents, visitors and community user-groups are made aware of the requirement to be free from the use of tobacco and recreational cannabis products and smoking materials while on school property and when attending or participating in off campus school sponsored activities.
3. Supervisors will inform their staff members that the use of tobacco, recreational cannabis products and smoking materials is prohibited while on school property and when attending or participating in off campus school sponsored activities.
4. Through the health curriculum and working closely with Community Mental Health Services, school Counsellors and other appropriate school staff, and Principals will provide educational programs for students and staff designed to inform them about the health risks associated with the use of tobacco, recreational cannabis and smoking materials.
 - a. Prevention efforts should address all aspects of tobacco and recreational cannabis use, including negative health effects, social acceptability, negative social consequences, peer norms and peer pressure, resistance and refusal skills and media literacy on tobacco and recreational cannabis marketing and advertising.

- b. Counselling and treatment programs shall be made available to staff and students.
- 5. Any employee that is in violation of these procedures could be subject to discipline up to and including termination.
- 6. Any student that is in violation of these procedures should be referred to relevant community based programming and/or be subject to the school's code of conduct.
- 7. With the prior approval of the school Principal, the use of tobacco products and smoking materials may be permitted as part of religious/ceremonial events.

Approved:

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District Council October 17, 2018