

<u>DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</u> <u>POLICY</u>	
POLICY NUMBER:	P-4013
SUBJECT:	Smoke, Tobacco-Free and Cannabis-Free Environment
REFERENCE:	<p><i>Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017</i> Ontario Regulation 269/18</p> <p>Policy/Program Memorandum 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct</p> <p>P-0002 Catholic Code of Conduct Policy P-2013 Progressive Discipline</p> <p>General Administrative Procedure (GAP) GAP2012 Catholic Code of Conduct GAP2014 Progressive Discipline</p>
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*“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God?”
1 Corinthians 6:19*

1. The [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#) S.O. 2017, c. 26, Sched. 3 (the “Smoke-Free Ontario Act”) prohibits smoking (tobacco and cannabis) and the use of electronic cigarettes (vaping) at schools, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20 meters of these grounds. Pursuant to the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*, anyone smoking or vaping on school property is guilty of an offence and if convicted may result in a fine.
2. The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* also prohibits the sale and supply of tobacco or e-cigarettes to anyone under nineteen (19) years of age. Pursuant to the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*, anyone who sells or supplies tobacco or an e-cigarette to a student under nineteen (19) years of age is guilty of an offence and if convicted may result in a fine.
3. In accordance with the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) recognizes the benefits of declaring, establishing, and maintaining a smoke-free, tobacco-free and cannabis-free learning, playing, and working environment for students, employees, visitors and those who use DPCDSB facilities. Therefore, smoking and/or holding lit tobacco, cannabis, tobacco-like, cannabis-like (alternative) products, consuming or using any other tobacco, cannabis, tobacco-like, cannabis-like (alternative) product or e-cigarette or vaping product. is prohibited on all DPCDSB properties, during educational excursions regardless of location, in DPCDSB vehicles or in personal vehicles used for DPCDSB excursions or events, and all public areas within twenty (20) metres of school grounds.
4. Exposure of students to media that depicts smoking or the use of tobacco, cannabis, tobacco-like or cannabis-like (alternative) products is also prohibited with the exception of media that includes smoking, tobacco or cannabis imagery as a necessary component of historical depictions and/or media that depicts the dangers of smoking and/or exposure to secondhand smoke or cannabis.

5. Where the prohibited items referenced above are found in the possession of a DPCDSB student in contravention of this Policy, the Principal or designate will exercise progressive discipline strategies and the student must surrender the item(s) to the school Principal or designate. The Principal will exercise their professional judgement when determining whether to return the item(s) to a parent/guardian, providing them to police and/or disposing of them, each in accordance with applicable laws as appropriate depending on the item so confiscated.
6. Nothing in this Policy is intended to restrict the DPCDSB's right at law or equity to impose consequences for failure to comply with the terms of the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* and/or the terms of this Policy.
7. In accordance with the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*, exceptions may be made for the traditional use of tobacco that forms part of Indigenous culture and spirituality.