



Rationale

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) recognizes its responsibility to promote a healthy lifestyle in the form of a smoke-free environment for the health and welfare of students, staff, and any other person.

CISPG recognizes that the Legislature of British Columbia has passed Bill 10 – Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools) Amendment Act, 2007, Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act, and “Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulation”.

Procedures:

1. Smoking and the use of tobacco products including vapour products is prohibited on all School property by students, staff, and any other person, except as set out in Article 8.
2. “No Smoking” signs shall be posted in all facilities of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George.
3. Users of rental or leased space in the school facilities of the Diocese are to be advised of this policy.
4. If a staff member fails to adhere to the administrative policy, the immediate supervisor shall undertake progressive discipline.
 - a. The staff member will be informed of the policy and encouraged to adhere to it.
 - b. The staff member will be given verbal warnings on failure to adhere to the policy.
 - c. The staff member is given a written letter of reprimand with a copy to their personnel file.
 - d. If a staff member continues to fail to adhere to the policy, the immediate supervisor shall refer the matter to the Superintendent of Schools.
5. In addition, no student shall possess tobacco products or vapour products on school property.
6. If an adult possesses tobacco products and/or vapour products on school property, he/she shall not smoke or otherwise consume same on school property.
7. If a student fails to adhere to this administrative policy the principal may take disciplinary action as deemed appropriate in the circumstances.
8. The use of tobacco products is permitted for Aboriginal ceremonies.

References:	Date: August 2023
	Revisions: