



Rationale

Island Catholic Schools recognizes that the use of tobacco and vapour products is a detrimental lifestyle choice for students, employees and visitors. Local schools accepting the responsibility of providing positive role models and best practices, will promote a healthy learning and working environment. Schools within CISDV acknowledge their legal obligation to act in accordance with the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*.

Definitions

Tobacco means tobacco leaves or products produced from tobacco in any form or for any use

Vapour product means the following: an e-cigarette; an e-substance; a cartridge for or a component of an e-cigarette.

Policy

No person is permitted to smoke, vape, use tobacco, or hold lighted tobacco or vapour product at any time, including non-school hours, in or on any building or land, owned, leased or rented by the school. This prohibition applies to any vehicles on school property.

Regulation

1. Enforcement

Students engaging in the behaviour prohibited by this policy will be subject to the stipulations of the student discipline policy.

School employees engaging in the behaviour prohibited by this policy will be subject to the stipulations of the employment agreement regarding employee code of conduct violations.

All other persons will be asked to cease their use of a tobacco or vapour product or to leave the school property or school event.

2. Education

The Principal is responsible for developing a program at appropriate grade levels in the educational program about the harmful effects of tobacco and vapour products.

The Principal will communicate that the school is a tobacco/vapour product free institution through its usual modes to students, parents, employees, and visitors. The Principal will post signs at appropriate places in its facilities and on its grounds providing notification that the school is a tobacco /vapour product free institution.

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| Reference: <i>Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act.</i> | Approved |
| Cross-reference: Policy 905: Tobacco/Vapour Product Free School | Date Approved: November 2007; January 28, 2020 |