



# PROCEDURE

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## Smoke-Free Environment

Board Received: November 22, 2021 Review Date: January 2026

### Accountability:

1. Frequency of Reports – As needed
2. Criteria for Success – Board property is smoke-free at all times

### Procedures:

The Grand Erie District School Board believes in providing a healthy work and learning environment for employees and students.

### Definitions:

- Smoking includes the act of smoking and/or the holding of lighted tobacco or cannabis (medical and/or recreational).
- Vaping includes the use of an e-cigarette with any substance. Under the Electronic Cigarette Act (2015), the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) is illegal wherever smoking is already prohibited.

All Board properties (and within 20 metres from property perimeter) and Board vehicles are designated as smoke-free at all times. This Procedure applies to all Board-sponsored and school-sponsored events. This includes board business, school buses, on leased or rented property, or during any part of a school field trip, including team trips and school excursions.

Noncompliance with this Procedure will be dealt with through the Board's progressive discipline procedure (HR119) and the Code of Conduct of individual schools.

Medical cannabis – under the following controlled conditions is allowed to be smoked on Board property.

- There must be a personal prescription (signed by a physician or nurse practitioner) specifically for medical cannabis. A copy of the prescription will be kept on file in Human Resources.
- There must be a specific dosage prescribed.
- The physician must indicate that the medical cannabis must be administered during the school/workday.
- The physician must indicate the form in which the medical cannabis will be used. Smoke free options are preferred; however, if smoking is the only option, then it must occur off-site and commercial devices that restrict the amount of second-hand smoke should be used.
- Proof of a personal license to use cannabis must be presented to the Principal/Supervisor. A copy of the license will be kept on file.
- Proof of an authorized cannabis supplier must be provided. A copy of this documentation will be kept on file.

The Grand Erie District School Board will ensure compliance with all relevant aspects of the “Smoke-Free Ontario Act – 2017”.

Reference:

Policy SO30: Management of Potentially Life-Threatening Health Conditions, Including Administration of Medication, in Schools