



Section: **School Operations**
Policy #: **5500**
Policy: **No Tobacco/Vapour Product Use**

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PURPOSE: New legislation was introduced on March 6, 2007 (Bill 10, the *Tobacco Sales Amendment Act, 2007 – Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools*), Section 2.2 of the renamed Tobacco Control Act came into force on September 2, 2007. With limited exception for the ceremonial use of tobacco, it prohibits all persons from smoking or using tobacco or holding lighted tobacco, in or on school property. The section also provides that if anyone contravenes that section of the Act, the Board of Education, Superintendent and Principal is deemed to have contravened that section. With a number of parishes and schools sharing property, it is important to communicate this information to all parties.

The legislation was amended in 2015 to include electronic cigarettes and/or vapour emitting smoking products and/or all electronic nicotine delivery systems.

DEFINITIONS:

Tobacco – a plant whose dried leaves are used for smoking, chewing or snuff.

Electronic smoking products - consisting of a battery-powered delivery system that produces a vapour that resembles smoke and/or a vapour that delivers a liquid chemical mixture that may be composed of various amounts of nicotine, propylene glycol, and/or other chemicals.

School property – property used for the purposes of delivering educational programs or other learning programs; this includes building and grounds. This also applies to persons in vehicles on school property.

POLICY:

No person shall:

- * smoke or use tobacco and/or tobacco products;
- * use or inhale electronic cigarettes
- * use vapour emitting smoking products;
- * use an electronic nicotine delivery system,

in or on school property as required by the *Tobacco Control Act*. School principals and onsite pastors must exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any contravention.

PROCEDURES:

1. Principals are to publicize this policy in all parent/family handbooks, student handbooks, and staff handbooks at each of our schools.

2. Principals are to place signage on the property.
3. Principals and/or school councils are to inform user groups of this policy and include a no tobacco or vapour product use clause in the rental agreement.
4. Principals are expected to enforce this policy for the school.
5. Pastors are expected to enforce this policy for parish functions on or in school property.
6. Principals and pastors will determine school ground boundaries for the purpose of this policy.