

# POLICY CONCERNING SMOKING

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# POLICY

Note: The masculine gender is used throughout this document for the sake of conciseness and is meant to be inclusive of both genders.

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# 1.0 Objective

To ensure that all the institutions under the jurisdiction of the Central Québec School Board are smoke-free.

# 2.0 Definition

"Institution" refers to all schools, centres, and the school board office.

# 3.0 To whom does this policy apply

This policy applies to all students, youth and adult sectors, to the personnel of the school board, and to any person visiting one of the institutions of the school board.

## 4.0 Legal references

The Education Act (R.S.Q ch. I-13.3, section 210.1)

The Tobacco Act (R.S.Q., ch. T-0.01)

### 5.0 Basic principles

- 5.1 The Central Québec School Board is concerned for the health and welfare of its students and employees.
- 5.2 The Central Québec School Board recognises that all students and personnel have the right to study, to work, and to pursue related activities in a healthy, smoke-free environment.
- 5.3 The Central Québec School Board recognises that any person visiting or using school board premises has the same rights as those mentioned in section 5.2.

### 6.0 Application of the policy

- 6.1 Smoking a pipe, cigars, cigarettes (including e-cigarettes), and chewing tobacco are prohibited in the buildings and on the grounds of all elementary and secondary schools, the Eastern Québec Learning Centre and the School Board's administrative offices.
- Anyone who uses or rents the whole or part of an institution is prohibited from use of tobacco on the premises.
- 6.3 Each institution must clearly indicate that use of tobacco in any format is prohibited.



### 7.0 Responsibility

- 7.1 The Director General, or his delegate, is responsible for the application of this policy for the entire school board.
- 7.2 However, each school or centre administrator or his/her designate must ensure that this policy is respected in the institution under his/her responsibility.

### 8.0 Infractions

- 8.1 Any person who commits an infraction to this policy will be subject to the following measures:
  - a) A verbal warning;
  - b) A written warning;
  - c) In the case of a member of the personnel of the school board, disciplinary measures as defined in the relevant collective agreement or decree;
  - d) In the case of a student, disciplinary measures according to the discipline policy of each institution.
- 8.2 Any person visiting, using or renting an institution who commits an infraction to this policy may be refused further access to the premises.

### 9.0 Information

The school board will ensure that all staff members, students, and visitors, in the schools, centres, and board office, are informed of this policy.

# 10.0 Date of application

March 25, 2015.

