

 <p>Cree School Board Commission scolaire crie</p>	<h2>Operational Policy on Non-Smoking</h2>	
	<p><b>Department responsible:</b> General Administration  <b>Effective date:</b> December 8, 2005 and Amended on May 30, 2013  <b>Approved by:</b> Director General</p>	
	<p><b>References:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council Policy Manual: E (mega-end), E-4, EL, EL-1, EL-2, EL-5 (7.1), EL-11</li> <li>▪ The Tobacco Act R.S.Q., chapter T-0.01</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Other Policies</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Daily School Transportation (MRS-03)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Safe Schools(EDU-02)</i></li> </ul>

The Cree School Board wishes to provide a healthy learning and working environment for all its students and employees. The present Policy is consistent with the provisions of the Tobacco Act as adopted by the Quebec Government.

### 1) Purposes

- Purpose            **1.1.** This Policy establishes the rules pertaining to smoke-free environment in premises under the jurisdiction of the Cree School Board.
- Application       **1.2.** This Policy applies to all students (youth and adult sectors), personnel of the School Board as well as to any person visiting or using the Board premises. This Policy does not apply to staff housing.
- Principles         **1.3.** The principles for implementing a consistent Policy regulating the use of tobacco in Board premises includes the following:
- a) there is well documented evidence related to the health hazard of tobacco smoke;
  - b) smoke-free school environment may help students resist the uptake of smoking;
  - c) permitting the use of tobacco products can give the erroneous impression that this is not a serious health hazard;
  - d) most smokers begin the habit during their school years; and
  - e) having a common basic School Board approach makes communication and enforcement for tobacco-free environment easier for all.

[Definition](#)

- 1.4. For the purposes of this Policy, the following words or expressions mean:
- a) **smoking:** act of smoking and/or the holding of lighted tobacco or other tobacco-type products;
  - b) **premises:** all schools, centres, and school board offices including all school buildings and properties leased by, or otherwise provided to, the Board.

## 2) Requirements

[Schools](#)

2.1. Smoking is prohibited in the premises and on the grounds of all elementary and secondary schools.

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2.2. Smoking is prohibited in the premises and on the grounds of the Regional Vocational Training Center and in the students' residence with the exception of areas outside the buildings as designated by the Director of Adult Education. This area must be at least 9 meters (30 feet) from any entrance of the Training Centre.

[Offices](#)

2.3. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings or part of buildings used for School Board offices with the exception of areas outside the buildings as designated by the Deputy Director General.

[Rental](#)

2.4. Smoking is prohibited by anyone who is using or renting the whole or part of the Board premises.

[Vehicles](#)

2.5. Smoking is prohibited in all School Board vehicles.

[Recess and other activities](#)

2.6. Employees shall not smoke while supervising students during a recess and employees should not smoke while supervising student activities or athletic events held outside the Board premises.

[Information](#)

2.7. The non-smoking Policy is to be communicated to all people (employees, students and visitors) who use the Board facilities.

The restriction on smoking will be clearly marked at all entrances of Board premises.

The school administrations should arrange for conferences, workshops, etc. on the negative impact of smoking offered by organizations such as social services.

## 3) Corrective measures

[Sanctions](#)

3.1. Any person who does not respect the provision of this Policy is subject to the following measures:

- a) for employees and students of the Board: disciplinary measures according to the collective agreements or other regulations of the Board (code of conduct, etc.);

- b) for visitors or any other person using or renting the premises: limitation of further access to the premises.

## **4) Application of this Policy**

[Previous provisions](#)

**4.1.** The present Policy replaces all other Policies of the Board pertaining to this subject, while respecting the Council of Commissioners Policies/Ends where applicable.

[Official version](#)

**4.2.** The official version of this Policy is kept by the Secretary-General of the School Board.

[Responsibility](#)

**4.3.** Any person referred to in this Policy must abide by all its provisions and all managers of the School Board are responsible to ensure that all its provisions are applied and respected.

The Deputy Director General is the person responsible for providing support in the interpretation of this Policy and to ensure its revision when necessary..