



**SUBSTANCE USE POLICY and Anti-Smoking Protocols
for**

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SUBSTANCE USE POLICY

Purpose of this Policy

Pattison High School is committed to the health and safety of its students and anyone attending the School. The School recognizes that the use of drugs, tobacco, vapour products, alcohol, and impairment generally can have serious effects on students and the learning environment.

Furthermore, it is prohibited for anyone under the age of 19 to possess, share or purchase vapour products, whether or not the vaping substance contains nicotine. It is illegal to give, sell or provide any vapour products to someone under the age of 19.

Accordingly, the School is committed to preventing substance use and impairment on School property, and at all times during school hours.

This Policy applies to all students of the School. Students breaching this policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with the School's Code of Conduct.

The Policy

At Pattison High School, the building and campus of Pattison High School are tobacco and vape-free under the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* and *Regulation*. This ban extends to all school property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of whether or not school is in session. The ban also includes vehicles, parking lots, sports fields, driveways, courtyards, and private vehicles parked on school property.

All persons are prohibited from smoking, using tobacco/vapour products, and/or possessing tobacco/vapour products in or on school property. Student use, possession, and/or distribution of nicotine products and related materials is prohibited. Vape pens, e-cigarettes, associated products, and the like are prohibited. This policy applies to the school grounds, school vehicles, school related functions, and traveling to or from any school-sponsored event.

A student found using, possessing, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other substances (legal or illegal) at Pattison High School or at any school-sponsored event, home or away, is liable for expulsion.

On discovery of any individual violating the smoking or vaping ban:

- The student will be issued an official incident report letter from the school, which is intended for documentation and informing of the custodian/parent of the school's effort to stop the offense and will serve an in-school suspension of up to two days.
- Any individual committing second offense will be suspended from the school for one full school week and the incident will be reported to student, school, and parents/custodians. The incident will be documented on the Permanent Student Record (PSR) as willful and continued violation of school policies.



- Any individual committing third offense will be deemed as health hazard and threat to school and student body and therefore will be dismissed and expelled from school with no refund in order to safeguard the non-offending students, staff, and visitors. The incident will be recorded on the PSR with the information sent to student and parent/custodian.

In an effort to maintain a safe and healthy community, the school administration and counseling staff may mandate drug and alcohol testing, a professional assessment, and/or counseling of any student that is of concern.

When the school believes that it has reasonable suspicion that a student may be in possession or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products the student's personal belongings (locker, bag, car, etc) may be searched. If the search leads to the discovery of any material that violates a school rule, the student will be subject to disciplinary action consistent with these handbook policies. If a student refuses to submit to a request to search his belongings he assumes guilt and disciplinary action will be taken consistent with school policies.

What is a vapour product?

A vapour product or electronic cigarette is defined as a device that contains an electronic or battery-powered heating element that can vaporize an e-substance. An e-substance is a solid, liquid or gas that when heated by the element in an e-cigarette, produces a vapour for. All e-substances are covered by this policy and it does not matter if the e-substance contains nicotine or is nicotine-free.

Prohibited products and/or substances include but are not limited to cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, all vaping devices (pens, mods, pod mods, etc.) e-cigarettes, nicotine pouches, and any other tobacco or tobacco delivery product or accessory.

Accommodations

Student who believe that they may require accommodations with regard to a health condition and its management, are required to bring written evidence to the School's student advisor for review and consideration.