





[Smoke-Free Ontario Act 2017](#)

## Definitions

**Smoking:** means smoking (inhaling and exhaling) or holding lighted tobacco or cannabis (medical or recreational)

**Vaping:** means inhaling or exhaling vapour from an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) or holding an activated e-cigarette, whether or not the vapour contains nicotine

## Principles

HCDSD recognizes that the consumption of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and drugs can impair an individual student's well-being and can also interfere with their ability to learn and function in society.



Requirements of *Policy II-39 Progressive Discipline and Safety in Schools – Code of Conduct – Suspensions and Expulsions*. Furthermore, failure to comply with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (including smoking and vaping) may include fines.

Where appropriate, and in consultation with parents/guardians, students may be referred to community agencies for counselling.

During the first term/semester, the Principal shall inform all students and parents/guardians of HCDSD's *Policy II-28 Alcohol, Tobacco, Vaping, and Drug Education and Abuse in Schools*, including its preventive procedures as well as its intervention and disciplinary procedures.

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