

Administrative Procedures Manual	Administrative Procedure 358
	Smoking and Tobacco Products
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Background

Consistent with the law, all Grande Prairie Public School Division schools are smoke, tobacco and tobacco-like product free. The use of tobacco/tobacco-like products is prohibited on school property.

For reference, **the use of traditional tobacco** is an important part of First Nations, Métis and Inuit culture. The Board recognizes the ceremonial use of tobacco as appropriate in GPPSD.

Definitions

Tobacco and tobacco products consist, in whole or in part, of tobacco leaves and any extract of tobacco leaves. Tobacco can be consumed in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, smoking cigarettes, cigars or cigarillos and chewing tobacco.

Tobacco-like products include any product that mimics and are consumed in a way that is similar to or consistent with that of a tobacco product. Tobacco-like products can be consumed in several ways including, but not limited to, smoking (i.e. herbal cigarettes, vapourizers, e-cigarettes, etc.). Please note that vapourizers/e-cigarettes are also addressed further under AP 354 Substance Use.

Regulated prescription nicotine replacement therapy products are not included in this administrative procedure as GPPSD supports the use of medically prescribed replacement therapies meant to reduce the addiction to smoking and nicotine.

Procedures

1. Students who smoke or use tobacco/tobacco-like products **on or near school property** will be subject to the following (except when the offender uses vapourizers , e-cigarettes or any other delivery method, the issue will be dealt with under AP 354 Substance Use).
 - 1.1 **First Offense:** Warning
 - 1.2 **Second Offense:** Suspension
2. **School property** extends to areas within visible sight lines of the school and may include parking lots (at the discretion of the school).
3. Students who smoke or use tobacco/tobacco-like products **inside the school** will be subject to immediate suspension. In the case of vapourizers , e-cigarettes or any other delivery method, the issue will be dealt with under AP 354 Substance Use.

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4. Help is available. Any student wishing to quit smoking can get help from various stop-smoking programs that may be offered at the school or through referrals to community agencies. Please inquire at the Office.