

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 14, 2004

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Board Policy FM.BP - Alcoholic Beverages and Smoking on District Premises and at District Sponsored Functions

ORIGINATOR: C. McCabe, Assistant to the Superintendent

RESOURCE
STAFF: Dennis Huculak, Jim Davies, Kevin Stevenson

RECOMMENDATION

That the addendum of November 10, 1998 to Board Policy FM.BP Alcoholic Beverages and Smoking on District Premises and at District Sponsored Functions be removed effective December 31, 2004 and that the policy as outlined in Appendix I be affirmed.

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Effective September 1, 1998 the use of tobacco was banned on all property owned by Edmonton Public Schools. The purpose of the ban was to address a growing concern regarding the rising incidence of tobacco use and addiction among youth. At that time, for a large number of district schools, prohibition of the use of tobacco on school grounds, or even within sight of the building had been the practice prior to September 1, 1998 and at these locations the implementation of the ban went smoothly.

However, at a few locations, particularly those with a large number of smokers and unique geographic features, the ban resulted in concerns regarding student safety and negative public image.

To allow schools the opportunity to address these concerns, on November 10, 1998, the Board of Trustees approved an addendum to the policy (FM.BP#2.2) that permitted a staged implementation of the smoking ban.

A current review of this policy has included consultation with high school administrators, Central Services staff, and presentation and discussion of the issues around smoking with the Board of Trustees Planning and Policy sub-committee.

Board policy has been set in concert with a movement by all levels of government as they focus on reduction of tobacco use by youth. The new City of Edmonton bylaw relating to smoking in the workplace and provincial legislation making it illegal for anyone under the

age of 18 years to be in possession of tobacco products has impacted the number of youth and adults who smoke. As a result of these changes in legislation and the board's continuing commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles, it is timely to reaffirm the existing policy and drop the addendum effective December 31, 2004.

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APPENDIX I: Board Policy FM.BP.2 - Alcoholic Beverages and Smoking on District Premises and at District-Sponsored Functions – Proposed Amendment

APPENDIX II: Board Policy FM.BP.2 - Alcoholic Beverages and Smoking on District Premises and at District-Sponsored Functions (Effective Date: 10-11-98)

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CODE: FM.BP

TOPIC: Alcoholic Beverages and Smoking
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Sponsored Functions

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10-11-1998

ISSUE DATE: 03-12-1998

REVIEW DATE: 11-2003

1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited:
 - a. in schools; and
 - b. at off-site, district sponsored student functions.
2. Subject to the approval of the superintendent of schools, the consumption of alcoholic beverages in other district premises used for district-sponsored functions may be permitted.

2. SMOKING

1. Tobacco use is prohibited in Edmonton Public School' facilities utilized in whole or in part by district staff.
2. Tobacco use is banned from all district property.

Reference(s):

[IG.BP](#) - Student Behaviour and Conduct

[JG.AR](#) - Community Use of District Buildings

[JGD.AR](#) - Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

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1. Tobacco use is prohibited in Edmonton Public Schools' facilities utilized in whole or in part by district staff.
2. Effective for the 1998-99 school year:

Tobacco use is banned from all district property.

Addendum:

The following modified implementation plan was approved by the board of trustees on November 10, 1998:

1. That in district locations where implementation of the tobacco ban has resulted in concerns for the safety of students or in conditions where contrary to the intended outcomes of the policy, a staged implementation be approved.
2. That at such locations a plan outlining the stages and timelines for complete implementation be determined by the site administration in consultation with staff, students, parents and the community and be submitted to the superintendent of schools.

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