



SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Cannabis and Smoke-free Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

Lakecrest is committed to providing students, staff and other members of the school community with a healthy school environment. In accordance with the Smoke-free Environment Act, 2005, the Tobacco Control Act and the Control and Sale of Cannabis Act, Lakecrest does not permit smoking, smokeless tobacco or any product that mimics tobacco, in Lakecrest, on Lakecrest property, or in any mode of transportation used to transport students. This includes the smoking (or consumption) of cannabis or other substances which may be illegal; cause impairment, or be dangerous to the health of students and staff. The Cannabis and Smoke Free policy is part of a comprehensive approach to the creation and maintenance of a healthy school environment.

BACKGROUND

Tobacco is an addictive substance and Lakecrest recognizes that smoking any substance (including cannabis); exposure to second-hand smoke, and the use of smokeless tobacco are known to cause serious health issues. Permitting smoking and tobacco use on school property conflicts with prevention messages taught in the curriculum. Further, current legislation limits access and the sale of cannabis/tobacco products to youth. The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide a smoke-free learning environment and workplace for students, staff and volunteers; and,
- Assist students in making healthy choices.

DEFINITIONS

Tobacco: For the purpose of this policy, tobacco includes:

- Lit or unlit cigarette, cigar, pipe, or clove cigarette;
- Smoking products and smokeless tobacco including spit tobacco, dip, chew and snuff in any form; and,
- Products (current and future) that mimic tobacco use (e.g., electronic cigarettes/vaping).

Cannabis and Cannabis-containing Substances: Actual plant material from the Cannabis plant containing, or thought to contain, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), including marijuana, hashish and/or hashish oil. Cannabis-containing substances may include oils, ointments, or a wide variety of edible products.

POLICY DIRECTIVES

1. The Lakecrest building associated grounds (including the playground, outdoor classroom and designated parking locations), and all modes of transportation when used to transport students will be cannabis and smoke free at all times.
2. All Lakecrest-sponsored events, on and off school property, will be cannabis and smoke free.
3. Community users of any of our school facilities must abide by this policy.
4. Lakecrest administration will also communicate to students, school staff, parents/guardians and other visitors to the school that cannabis and smoking is prohibited. Such communication may include signage, notices in school handbooks, newsletter inserts, webpage highlights and announcements at school events.
5. Distribution, consumption or sale of cannabis/tobacco products including smoking devices (e.g., electronic cigarettes) is not permitted.
6. The advertising and sponsoring of school-related initiatives by cannabis/tobacco companies is not permitted.
7. Clothing, bags, hats and other personal items used or worn by students, staff and volunteers to display, promote or advertise cannabis/tobacco products are not

permitted.

8. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary repercussions.
9. In the event a member of the Lakecrest community uses medicinal cannabis products containing THC, the individual or their parent/guardian must notify the school and these items will be controlled and distributed in a similar method to other medications