



Mikisew Cree First Nation
Therese Tuccaro Secondary School
Smoking and Vaping Policy



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Prohibitions of Cannabis on School Property and/or in Vehicles and

Smoking and Vaping Guidelines

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This summary shows:

- All changes from the last approved and published document
- The location within the document where the changes have been made

Location of Change	Summary of Change
Entire Document	Creation of document



Requirements changed in the new revision will be identified with a revision triangle beside it.

SUMMARY OF REVIEWERS

The following people were involved in the review of this Standard:

Name	Position
Chief and Counsel	BCR # 00461-702-2025-2026-006, signed off August 11, 2025
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1. ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

1.1 PURPOSE

Mikisew Cree First Nation (MCFN) and Therese Tuccaro Secondary School (TTSS) wish to establish a clear policy on where students and staff are permitted to smoke and vape and the prohibition of smoking cannabis on school property.

This policy will promote a smoke-free, safe, and healthy environment for Therese Tuccaro Secondary School.

1.2 SCOPE

This policy outlines the standards for vaping and smoking cigarettes, the use of cannabis on school property, and is applicable to all TTSS Community Members. This includes all students, staff, and family members/guardians, volunteers, contractors, and all visitors, on all TTSS property and/or in vehicles.

2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Mikisew Cree First Nation believes in preserving history and tradition while propelling progress. TTSS's goal is to provide quality and accessible education within our community.

MCFN and TTSS also believe in ensuring youth have access to a healthy and supportive education environment to thrive.

3. VAPING AND SMOKING CIGARETTES

As TTSS is MCFN property, not public land, smoking tobacco or the use of electronic cigarette devices (vaping) is permitted only in areas designated by appropriate signage outside school property. This area will comply with Municipal By-Laws, (10 m from building, 18 years and older). This also includes all official school events including external field trips, meetings, and conferences.



4. PROHIBITIONS

- 4.1 **TTSS Property** - Smoking cannabis is prohibited at all indoor and outdoor spaces owned or leased by TTSS. This also includes all official school events including external field trips, meetings, and conferences.
- 4.2 **Vehicles on TTSS Property** - Smoking tobacco, cannabis, and the use of electronic cigarette devices (vaping) is prohibited in all vehicles. This includes but is not limited to personal vehicles that are on TTSS owned or leased property. This also includes leased and contractor vehicles, along with vehicles used to transport student, as per the Alberta Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Act.

5. CANNABIS POSSESSION BY STUDENTS

- 5.1 The possession of cannabis products by students is prohibited on all TTSS leased or owned indoor and outdoor spaces, and in all contracted, leased, rented, or in owned vehicles on school property.
- 5.2 Refer to the TTSS Progressive Student Discipline Policy for next steps if cannabis is found in students' possession. Non-compliance may result in the student being temporarily suspended for a period deemed by the School Principal/Director of Education.

6. FIRST NATIONS CEREMONIAL TOBACCO

Traditional use of tobacco by Indigenous staff and students is permitted for ceremonial, cultural, and spiritual purposes.

7. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 **MCFN Chief and Council** are responsible for approving and regularly reviewing this policy annually.
- 7.2 **MCFN Director of Education/Principal** is responsible for:
- ensuring compliance with all requirements outlined in this policy
 - as the Document Control Editor:



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- i. ensuring this policy is readily accessible to the community;
- ii. responding to inquiries, issues, or requests about this policy;
- iii. continually monitoring, improving, and revising this policy as relevant changes occur; and
- iv. storing this document in the correct internal MCFN file location.

7.3 **TTSS Staff** (Teachers and Administrators) are responsible for:

- a. assisting with compliance with all requirements outlined in this policy;
- b. following TTSS Progressive Student Discipline Policy, and
- c. reporting repeated non-compliance to the TTSS School Director/Principal.

7.4 **TTSS Students** are responsible for complying with all requirements outlined in this policy.

7.5 **Parents/Guardians** of TTSS Students are responsible for:

- a. understanding and complying with all requirements outlined in this policy
- b. discussing the policy with their child, and
- c. communicating with TTSS if there are any concerns.

8. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

EET-POL-006 TTSS Student Code of Conduct

EET-POL-007 TTSS Progressive Student Discipline Policy

9. REFERENCES

The reference below outlines the document that was used to assist in the development of this document:

- Alberta Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Act
<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/t03p8>