



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2019 ANNUAL REPORT: SMOKE AND VAPOUR FREE SPACE POLICY B.B 04

“Let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill”
Proverbs 1:5 (NRSVCE)

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INFORMATION REPORT

Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

According to the TCDSB Policy B.B. 04 Smoke and Vapour Free Space, the TCDSB is committed to the provision of a smoke, vapour and tobacco free environment in all premises and on all properties, owned and/or operated by the Board. The data indicate a significant decline in the number of incidents recorded and suspensions issued in secondary schools over the last 6 years. There has been an increase in incidents and suspensions reported in elementary in the 2018-2019 school year.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 15 hours

B. PURPOSE

1. Consistent with Policy B.B. 04, an annual report is presented by staff to the Board of Trustees detailing the compliance and infractions of this particular policy.

C. BACKGROUND

1. TCDSB Policy B.B. 04 was revised in May 2016 to include an annual report detailing compliance and infractions of this policy, under the evaluation and metrics section.
2. The Tobacco Enforcement Department of the Toronto Public Health Department does not publically release the total number of school infractions under the Smoke Free Ontario Act.
3. Data was collected from the Safe School Progressive Discipline Platform in order to provide an analysis of smoking-related discipline imposed over time on students.
4. TCDSB principals responded to a survey containing questions related to the compliance and number of infractions associated with this policy (Appendix A).

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. Data collected over the last six years indicate a significant reduction in the number of incidents and suspensions recorded in the progressive discipline platform for secondary students who have been disciplined for smoking. There has been an increase in incidents and suspensions reported in elementary in the 2018-2019 school year. The chart below indicates the number of incidents and suspensions for the last six years in both elementary and secondary schools:

Year	Elementary School Totals		Secondary School Totals	
	Incidents	Suspensions	Incidents	Suspensions
2013-2014	5	1	120	88
2014-2015	2	2	113	69
2015-2016	3	2	78	66
2016-2017	4	1	65	47
2017-2018	0	0	64	44
2018-2019	29	8	74	45

2. Highlights from the survey sent to school administrators are included below:
 - The survey was completed by 177 administrators (Vice Principals or Principals) in 177 schools.
 - 13% of respondents indicated a requirement for additional signs at the entrances and exits of their locations (as compared to 51% last year).
 - In the 2018-2019 school year, there have been a total of 10 infractions under the Smoke Free Ontario Act for TCDSB students, employees or visitors (10 students).
 - There have been a total of 13 calls from administrators to the Tobacco Enforcement Department to enforce the Smoke Free Ontario Act at their school.
 - There have been a total of 103 student discipline issues recorded into the Progressive Discipline Incident Log in 32 schools for the 2018-2019 school year (compared with 64 in 2017-2018).
 - A total of 53 student suspensions were issued related to smoking or vaping on school property in 21 schools (compared to 44 last year).
 - Schools communicate the policy on smoking/vaping mainly through the following channels (shown as a % of 177 respondents):
 - Student Agenda books (36%),
 - Staff meetings (50%),

- Assemblies (27%),
- PA announcements (29%) and
- Newsletters (29%)

3. The Facilities department will work with all area Service Quality Supervisors (SQS) to provide the proper signage at each entrance and location for their school building.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

An annual report as required by Policy B.B. 04 is presented to the Board.

F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the consideration of the Board.