

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND CANNABIS ON AND IN DISTRICT PROPERTY AND AT DISTRICT FUNCTIONS

DEFINITIONS

Alcohol is the intoxicating agent in beverage alcohol, ethyl alcohol or ethanol.

Cannabis is a broad term used to describe the various products derived from the leaves, flowers and resins of Cannabis plants, synthetic cannabinoids, and/or medical cannabis. Cannabis can be consumed in a variety of ways, including but not limited to: smoking, vaporizing, eating or using water pipes.

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

Tobacco-like products are any products that mimic and are consumed in a manner similar to a tobacco product. Tobacco-like products can be consumed in a variety of ways, including but not limited to: smoking, using electronic cigarettes, vaporizing, or using water pipes or hookahs. For the purpose of this administrative regulation, tobacco-like products do not include regulated nicotine replacement therapy products.

REGULATION

Alberta has set the minimum age for the possession, purchase and consumption of cannabis at 18. This is in line with Alberta's minimum age for the purchase and consumption of alcohol and tobacco products. The age of 18 also aligns with the federal government's minimum age related to cannabis and tobacco.

Board Policy HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct (Section 2.f) states that the "possession, use or distribution of substances restricted by federal, provincial, municipal, District or school authorities" is considered to be unacceptable behaviour. Alcohol, tobacco, tobacco-like products and cannabis are considered to be restricted substances for all students in Edmonton Public Schools.

Board Policy FA.BP Human Resources Framework establishes the expectation that the District will "consider the impact on student and staff wellness and safety when making and implementing decisions". This administrative regulation reflects this through articulating expectations related to alcohol, tobacco, tobacco-like products and cannabis in the learning and working environment of Edmonton Public Schools.