

Sample Recommended School Smoking Policy

The *Smoke Free Ontario Act* prohibits smoking at all times anywhere on school property, including vehicles parked on school property. This applies to students, staff and visitors, including sporting groups and community groups using school buildings or property outside of school hours.

The *Act* further prohibits selling or supplying tobacco to persons under the age of 19. This includes “third-party supply” where a person sells or supplies tobacco to someone under the age of 19.

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board has negotiated a protocol with the Regional Municipality of Waterloo for handling student smoking on school property. Under this protocol, students will receive a suspension or detention on the first offence and their parent or guardian will be informed by the school. On the second offence, a longer suspension will result and the student’s parent or guardian will receive a written notification that any subsequent infraction will result in a charge laid by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo. On the third offence, a longer suspension is imposed, a copy of the Student Smoking Violation Record is sent to the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, and a Tobacco Enforcement Officer issues a charge under the *Smoke Free Ontario Act*.

This protocol does not prevent an officer from issuing an offence notice or summons upon a first offence, nor does it prevent schools from providing fewer than two warnings. Tobacco Enforcement Officers inspect school property as part of regular enforcement of the *Smoke Free Ontario Act* and may issue a charge upon witnessing smoking on school property.