

### SMUDGING

#### Background

Good Spirit School Division supports the belief that the inclusion of Indigenous perspectives and Indigenous knowledge is of benefit to all students.

#### Procedures

1. Practices such as smudging, the pipe ceremonies, and the use of tobacco are a part of the indigenous traditional ways and are therefore accommodated in appropriate designated spaces.
2. Practices such as smudging and pipe ceremony events are always voluntary. People should never be forced or pressured to smudge. It is completely acceptable for a person to indicate that he/she does not want to smudge and that person may choose refrain from participating.
3. Written permissions to attend/participate in smudging are required for students to attend or participate. These permissions are to be retained at the school.
4. Smudging is to be approved by the Principal, or designate.
5. Smudging is to be supervised at all times and may include an Elder.
6. Parents/Guardians must receive written notification of smudging events and/or for any recurring schedule of events as the case may be.
7. Smudging is permitted within Good Spirit facilities in an enclosed public space providing that:
  - 7.1. The space is designated and communicated at least 5 days in advance of any event, in consultation with the Superintendent of Education and Operations Manager;
  - 7.2. The space has sufficient ventilation;
  - 7.3. The space is of sufficient size to accommodate the event and meets capacity and fire code regulations; and,
  - 7.4. Signage is required for school/space that is designated whether for recurring or one-time use.
8. Information should be posted and communicated to inform occupants, which should include any schedule, the location, and time of the event(s).
9. Any requests for smudging outside of regular school hours requires the expressed consent of the school division and any community use agreements shall stipulate compliance with this administrative procedure as a condition of use. Failure to comply shall be cause for cancellation of the agreement.