

## **SMUDGING**

### **Background**

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

### **Procedures**

1. Smudging is an aspect of traditional ways of knowing and is therefore accommodated in appropriate designated spaces.
2. Participation in smudging is always voluntary. Students or staff will never be forced or pressured to smudge they may refrain from participating.
3. Smudging will occur in consultation with the Indigenous consultant, school-based administration, school staff and may involve Elders or Knowledge Keepers.
4. When smudging takes place, there will be staff supervision.
5. Parents/Guardians will be notified at the start of the school year indicating that smudging will occur within the school. Parents/Guardians may notify the school that they wish to have their child excluded from participation.
6. Smudging is permitted within Good Spirit facilities in an enclosed public space providing that:
  - 6.1. The space is adequately ventilated;
  - 6.2. The space is of sufficient size to accommodate the event and meets capacity and fire code regulations; and,
  - 6.3. Signage is posted indicating that smudging is occurring within the building.
8. Requests for smudging within Good Spirit facilities, outside of regular school hours, requires consultation with the Indigenous consultant. Any community use agreements shall stipulate compliance with this administrative procedure as a condition of use.

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