

SMOKING- AND VAPING-FREE ENVIRONMENT

The District encourages a safe and healthy learning and teaching environment. The District is committed to its responsibility of enforcing a smoking- (tobacco)- and vaping (vapour products)-free environment, as required under the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*.

In accordance with section 2.2 of the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*, the use of tobacco and vapour products is banned on all public Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in British Columbia. A person must not smoke or use tobacco and/or e-cigarettes or hold lighted tobacco and/or activated e-cigarettes in or on school property.

Definitions

Activated e-cigarette means an e-cigarette in which an e-substance is being vapourized.

E-cigarette means

- A product or device, whether or not it resembles a cigarette, containing an electronic or battery-powered heating element capable of vapourizing an e-substance for inhalation or release into the air; or,
- A prescribed product or device similar in nature or use to a product or device described above;

E-substance means a solid, liquid or gas that:

- On being heated, produces a vapour for use in an e-cigarette, regardless of whether the solid, liquid or gas contains nicotine; and,
- Is not a controlled substance within the meaning of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*.

Tobacco means tobacco leaves or products produced from tobacco in any form or for any use.

Vapour product means:

- An e-cigarette;
- An e-substance; and/or,
- A cartridge for, or a component of, an e-cigarette.

Procedures

1. This ban applies to all school properties, whether or not school is in session. The ban also includes vehicles, parking lots, sports fields, driveways, courtyards and private vehicles parked on school property.
2. School staff will cooperate with health and community agencies that provide smoking prevention and cessation programs.
3. Any student selling or who has sold tobacco or vapour products or violates this administrative procedure at any time during which the school has or had jurisdiction over the behaviour of the student will be disciplined in accordance with the District and school discipline procedures.

4. This administrative procedure does not apply to the ceremonial use of tobacco in or on school property if the ceremonial use of tobacco is approved by the District and it is performed:
 - 4.1. In relation to a traditional Aboriginal cultural activity; or,
 - 4.2. By a prescribed group for a prescribed purpose, if given the authorization of the principal and in alignment with this administrative procedure.

Legal references: *School Act*, ss 6, 17, 20, 22, 26, 65, 85
 Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act, RSBC 1996
 Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act, SBC 2000
 Regulation 265/89
 Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, SC 1996

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