

POLICY 250: Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices

The Board of Education for School District 8 (Kootenay Lake) recognizes the health hazards of tobacco products and the use of smokeless tobacco products and electronic smoking devices. As an employer, the Board has a duty to ensure the safety of the workplace. As an educational authority, the Board has a responsibility to provide educational leadership and its employees have a responsibility to act as positive role models while in the workplace.

Therefore, to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students, employees and others, the Board will prohibit smoking, the use of smokeless tobacco products, electronic smoking devices (i.e. cigarettes, vapor cigarette, or personal vaporizers) in all District facilities, vehicles, on all District grounds and at all District sponsored events, in accordance with local by-law regulations.

The use of tobacco may be permitted for traditional ceremonial activities of recognized cultural groups with prior written approval from the Superintendent or designate.