

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

## POLICY

No. D-1

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Amended: September 26, 2007  
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Amended: February 25, 2015

### **SMOKE-FREE, SMOKELESS TOBACCO-FREE AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING PRODUCTS-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Board of Education acknowledges the importance of providing healthy learning and working environments for students and employees and recognizes the significant health hazard implicit in the use of tobacco and electronic smoking products. The Board encourages all efforts to eliminate and prevent the use of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes and related products by students and employees of the District. In accordance with this belief as part of legislation and Bill 10 - 2007 *Tobacco Control Act (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools) Amendment Act, 2007* effective September 2007, the Board of Education directs that as per Section 2.2.(2) "a person must not smoke or use tobacco, or electronic smoking products, or hold lighted tobacco, in or on school property." This means that any use of tobacco or smokeless products is prohibited on all grounds and in all buildings and vehicles owned by School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen).

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

## REGULATIONS

No. D-1

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Amended: September 26, 2007

Amended: November 18, 2015

### **SMOKE-FREE, SMOKELESS TOBACCO-FREE AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING PRODUCTS-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

1. Administrators' shall make students, staff and parents aware of this policy at the beginning and throughout each school year.
2. District administration shall make all staff aware of this policy.
3. All school grounds shall be smoke-free and free from the use of electronic smoking products and smokeless tobacco products.
4. "No Smoking" signs shall be prominently displayed as needed.
5. Section 2.2.(3) of Bill 33 subsection (2) does not apply to the ceremonial use of tobacco in or on school property if the ceremonial use of tobacco is approved by the Board and it is performed:
  - (a) in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity, or
  - (b) by a prescribed group for a prescribed purpose.