

3180 Smoking and Smoke-Free Spaces

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STATUS: ADOPTED

SMOKING AND SMOKE-FREE SPACES

Board Approved and Codified: June 27, 1988

Last Revised: June 19, 2013, December 14, 2016; December 2018

Description:

The Province of British Columbia (The Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act and Regulation, September 1, 2016 , The Cannabis Control and Licensing Act (Bill 30), 2018 and The BC Cannabis Control Regulation, October 5, 2018), together with the Board of Education believes that tobacco, vapour product¹ and cannabis/cannabis product use are addictive practices and that the use of tobacco, vapour product¹ and cannabis/cannabis product in the school and work environment are not appropriate practices toward supporting good health. The Board therefore bans smoking and the use of tobacco, vapour products and cannabis/cannabis products in all its forms, from District premises, property and vehicles. This is to include vehicles parked on school district property.

The exception to this policy is for the ceremonial use of tobacco where the activity has been approved by the Board, and the ceremony is performed in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity, or performed by a group for a purpose approved by government regulation.

¹ Vapour Products means the following:

- an e-cigarette;
- an e-substance;
- a cartridge for or a component of an e-cigarette

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Description:

All school campuses and district operations shall have a non-smoking policy that is published annually to staff and to the school community. It will include the following:

- Smoking or use of vapour products and cannabis/cannabis products on School District 59 property is prohibited;
- Holding a vapour product or lighted tobacco or cannabis in or on School District 59 property is prohibited;
- This ban includes public smoking, the use of vapour products or cannabis/cannabis products inside vehicles that are parked on School District 59 property
- This includes premises leased to, or articulated for joint-use by another entity, and premises that the Board leases from another entity, where a learning program is delivered;
- This ban applies to all visitors or user groups on School District 59 property;
- This ban includes all School District 59 vehicles;
- This ban includes School District 59 early learning and adult learning centers;

Provincial statute enforces this ban under the *Offence Act*, with penalties and fines ranging up to from \$2500 to \$5000 and/or 3 to 6 months imprisonment.

Together with the smoker (of tobacco, vapour products or cannabis/cannabis products), the Board, Superintendent, and principal are deemed to have committed the offence if someone contravenes the ban, unless the school/employer can demonstrate that all reasonable efforts were exercised to prevent the contravention.