

SMOKING AND SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

The Burnaby Board of Education is aware of the dangers to health from smoking and the use of tobacco products and believes that each student and employee should be entitled to a smoke and tobacco-free environment.

Therefore, as a measure directed toward the achievement of a healthy environment, it is the Board's policy that:

The Burnaby Board of Education, in accordance with legislation, prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco in all its forms from District buildings, property and vehicles.

The exception to this policy is for the ceremonial use of tobacco, if the ceremonial use of tobacco is approved by the Board and is performed:

- (a) in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity, or**
- (b) by a prescribed group for a prescribed purpose.**

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Cross References: Tobacco Sales Amendment
Act 2007

REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

POLICY #710

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REGULATIONS:

1. All School District facilities, grounds, and vehicles will be designated as smoke free, with smoking prohibited at all times by employees, students, parents and all other visitors except as noted in Policy.
2. The District shall post sufficient and appropriate signage to inform all employees, students, parents and visitors of this policy.
3. In addition, schools shall inform parents, students and their community of this policy (i.e. via newsletters, school assemblies; PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meetings), etc.
4. Organizations and persons using School District property shall not be permitted to smoke inside any buildings or on the property as a condition of the use of the facility. Such condition will be part of any contract for use of any school board property.
5. All employees are expected to comply with the smoking restrictions described in the policy and to assist with the communication of these restrictions.
6. Smoking will not be permitted in any vehicles used to transfer students.
7. The District will support smoking cessation programs for students and staff. Intervention and education programs shall incorporate information and programs available from, but not limited to, organizations such as the Simon Fraser Health Unit, the BC Lung Association, the BC and Canadian Cancer Societies, etc., and as outlined in the Health and Career Education curriculum.
8. Enforcement of this policy, whenever possible, should be educational rather than confrontational. Where an education approach does not achieve the desired results, the administrator of the school or (via the administrator) other appropriate authorities should be contacted.

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