

SMOKE AND VAPE FREE ENVIRONMENT

PREAMBLE

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

POLICY

THE BURNABY BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEGISLATION, PROHIBITS SMOKING AND VAPING OF ANY SUBSTANCE, 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 SUPERINTENDENT, OR DESIGNATE, AND IS PERFORMED:

- 1. IN RELATION TO A TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS CULTURAL ACTIVITY, OR**
- 2. BY A PRESCRIBED GROUP FOR A PRESCRIBED PURPOSE.**

REGULATIONS

1. All school district facilities, grounds, and vehicles will be designated as smoke free, with smoking and vaping prohibited at all times by employees, students, parents/guardians and all other visitors except as noted in policy.
2. The district shall post sufficient and appropriate signage to inform all employees, students, parents/guardians and visitors of this policy.
3. In addition, schools shall inform parents/guardians, 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 or vape 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 and vaping restrictions described in the policy and to assist with the communication of these restrictions.
6. Smoking and vaping will not be permitted in any vehicles used to transfer students.
7. The district will support smoking and vaping cessation programs for students and staff. Intervention and education programs shall incorporate information and programs available from Federal and Provincial programs, and Fraser Health Authority.
8. Enforcement of this policy, whenever possible, should be educational rather than confrontational and focus on harm reduction. Where an education approach does not achieve the desired results, the administrator of the school or other appropriate authorities (via the administrator) should be contacted.

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Cross References:
Statutory: Tobacco Sales Amendment Act
2007, Tobacco and Vapour Products
Control Act 2020
Other: