

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES #504

SMOKE AND VAPE FREE ENVIRONMENT

BACKGROUND

The Burnaby School District is aware of the health dangers from smoking, including second-hand smoke, from 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.

The District, 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 administrative procedure 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.

PROCEDURES

1. All District facilities, grounds, and vehicles will be designated as smoke free, with smoking and vaping prohibited at all times by employees, students, parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and all other visitors except as noted in this administrative procedure.
2. The District shall post sufficient and appropriate signage to inform all employees, students, parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and visitors of this prohibition.
3. Organizations and persons using District property through a rental agreement or otherwise 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 District property.
4. All employees are expected to comply with the smoking and vaping restrictions described in the administrative procedure and to assist with the communication of these restrictions.
5. Smoking and vaping will not be permitted in any vehicles used to transfer students.

6. The District will support intervention and education programs. Intervention and education programs shall incorporate information and programs available from Federal and Provincial programs, and Fraser Health Authority.
7. Enforcement of this administrative procedure, whenever possible, should be educational rather than confrontational and focus on harm reduction.

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