

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

P O L I C Y

SECTION	TITLE	NO. 4001
HEALTH/SAFETY	<u>Tobacco-Free Schools</u>	

DATE ADOPTED: January 8, 2008

DATE AMENDED:

The School Board recognizes that the use of tobacco products is a health, safety and environmental hazard for students, employees, visitors and school facilities.

The School Board believes that the use of tobacco products on school grounds, in school buildings and facilities on school property or at school related or school sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff and visitors.

The Board believes that adult employees and visitors serve as role models for students. We also believe that there is an obligation to promote positive role models in schools and promote a healthy learning and working environment, free from unwanted smoke and tobacco use by students, employees and visitors on school property.

Finally the Board recognizes that it has a legal authority and obligation pursuant to:

- Tobacco Act 1997 Sec8 (1) In Canada it is unlawful to furnish a tobacco product to a young person (a person under 18 years of age) in a public place or in a place to which the public reasonably has access.
- In British Columbia the Tobacco Sales Amendment Act, 2007 Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools.
 1. Bill 10, Section 2.2 prohibits smoking, the use of tobacco, or holding lighted tobacco in or on school property.
 2. The selling or distributing of tobacco to anyone under 19 years of age.
 3. The selling of tobacco from an open package, or in packages having less than 20 cigarettes.

R E G U L A T I O N S

Tobacco Use Prohibited

1. No student, staff or school visitor is permitted to use any tobacco product at any time including non-school hours:
 - In any building, facility or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the School District.
 - On any school grounds and property – including athletic fields and parking lots – owned, leased, rented, or chartered by the School District.
 - At any school sponsored or school related event, on or off school property.

2. In addition, School District employees, school volunteers, contractors or other persons performing services on behalf of the School District are prohibited from using tobacco products at any time while on duty and in the presence of students, either on or off school grounds.
3. Further, no student is permitted to possess a tobacco product while in any school building, while on school grounds or property or at any school sponsored or school related event or at any other time that students are under the authority of school personnel.
4. Tobacco products may be included in instructional or research activities in public school buildings if the activity is conducted or supervised by the staff member overseeing the instruction or research and the activity does not include smoking, chewing or otherwise ingestion of tobacco product.

Definition of Tobacco Products and Tobacco Use

For the purpose of this policy:

- “Tobacco Product” is defined to include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, little cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, and any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products.
- “Tobacco use” includes smoking, chewing, dipping or any other use of tobacco.

Signage

Signs will be posted in a manner and location that adequately notifies students, staff and visitors about the 100 percent Tobacco-Free school policy.

Procedures for Implementation

1. Administration will develop a plan for communicating the policy that may include information in student and employee handbooks, announcements at school sponsored or school related events and appropriate signage in buildings and school properties.