

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

P O L I C Y

SECTION	TITLE	NO. 4001
HEALTH/SAFETY	<u>Tobacco, Cannabis and Vapour-Free Schools</u>	

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The School Board believes that the use of tobacco, cannabis and vapour 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.

Furthermore 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) indicate that tobacco, cannabis and vapour products are addictive and are not supporting good health. The Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act specifically prohibits smoking and vaping on school property.

R E G U L A T I O N S

Tobacco, Cannabis and Vape Use Prohibited

1. No student, SD51 employee, school visitor, school volunteer or other person performing services on behalf of SD51 is permitted to use any tobacco, cannabis and vapour products 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 adjacent property – including athletic fields, parking lots and adjacent walkways – owned or leased by the School District.
 - At any school sponsored or school related event, on or off school property.
2. Further, no student is permitted to possess tobacco, cannabis and vapour products 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.

Definition of Tobacco, Cannabis and Vapour Products

- “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.

Vapour Product means the following:

- An e-cigarette (vape)
- An e-substance
- A cartridge for a component of an e-cigarette

Cannabis Product:

- Dried, fresh cannabis or cannabis oils or products with cannabis as an ingredient

Exceptions

The following are exceptions to this policy:

- The ceremonial use of tobacco if approved by the Board and if performed in relation to a traditional Indigenous cultural activity.
- Exemptions from prohibition against consumption of cannabis on school property under the current legislation.

Implementation

Principals 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.

Resources

Provincial *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act*:

- http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/18029#division_d1e6370

Provincial and *Cannabis Control Regulation*

- http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/204_2018

Provincial Government Cannabis Resource:

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/public-safety/cannabis>

[Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulation](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96451_01)

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