



Section Six: School District Facilities

640 – DISTRICT SMOKE, VAPOR AND CANNABIS FREE ENVIRONMENT

Introduction

The Board of Education believes that:

- Tobacco use, vaping, e-cigarettes, or consuming or smoking cannabis products presents a danger to the health of students and adults;
- instruction about the hazards of tobacco use, vaping, e-cigarettes, or consuming or smoking cannabis products should be provided to students;
- a smoke-free, ~~and~~ tobacco-free, vapor-free, and cannabis-free working and learning environment on School District property is required by Provincial law;
- ~~e-cigarettes may influence impressionable youth and therefore affect students' decisions as to whether they choose to use tobacco by renormalizing smoking in the school environment;~~
- cannabis products, including edible products, may negatively impact a student's ability to learn effectively;
- vapor products often contain nicotine or caffeine and can become habit forming.

Policy

1. There will be no use of tobacco, vaping, or e-cigarettes, or consuming or smoking cannabis products on any ~~School District No. 23 Central Okanagan Public School~~ property, within any ~~School District No. 23 Central Okanagan Public School~~ building, or within any Board owned or leased vehicle.
2. All school grounds, buildings and vehicles shall be non-smoking ~~and~~, tobacco-free, vapor free, and cannabis products free areas at all times, including evenings and weekends.
3. All schools shall include the School District's and school's expectations regarding tobacco, vaping, e-cigarettes, and cannabis use in their Code of Conduct (see Board Policy 455 – Discipline).
4. Instruction on the hazards of tobacco, vaping, e-cigarettes and the risks of cannabis products use will be provided for students in the elementary, middle and secondary schools.



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5. The only exemption to the District Smoke, Vapour and Cannabis Free Environment Policy shall be the approved ceremonial use of tobacco with recognized ceremonies.

AMENDMENT

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