



POLICY 4033  
**SMOKING, TOBACCO, AND THE USE OF VAPOUR PRODUCTS**

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Consistent with the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* and the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulation*, the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) recognizes its duty to ensure the safety of the workplace and to satisfy itself that each employee is able to work in a safe environment. As an education authority, the Board has a responsibility to provide educational leadership and its employees must act as positive role models while in the workplace.

The Board, believing that smoking any substance and the use of vapour products presents a hazard to health and safety, clearly declares that it does not in any sense condone or encourage smoking, or the use of vapour products. This policy is intended to transmit the above belief to students, employees, and all others who use school district facilities.

Smoking of any substance (including the smoking of cannabis) and the use of vapour products (including cannabis vapour products) is not permitted at any time or in any place on school property, including in vehicles in parking lots, or in any school district building or vehicle.

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Definitions (consistent with the TOBACCO AND VAPOUR PRODUCTS CONTROL ACT, RSBC 1996, c 451):

- “activated e-cigarette” means an e-cigarette in which an e-substance is being vapourized
- “e-cigarette” means the following:
  - a) A product or device, whether or not it resembles a cigarette, containing an electronic or battery-powered heating element capable of vapourizing an e-substance for inhalation or release into the air;
  - b) A prescribed product or device similar in nature or use to a product or device described in paragraph (a);
- “e-substance” means a solid, liquid or gas
  - a) That, on being heated, produces a vapour for use in an e-cigarette, regardless of whether the solid, liquid or gas contains nicotine, and
  - b) That is not a controlled substance within the meaning of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada);
- “vapour product” means the following:
  - a) An e-cigarette;
  - b) An e-substance;
  - c) A cartridge for or a component of an e-cigarette.
- “cannabis” also known as marijuana, means any part of a cannabis plant, including the phytocannabinoids produced by, or found in, such a plant, regardless of whether that part has been processed or not, but does not include a non-viable seed of a cannabis plant, a mature stalk, without any leaf, flower, seed or branch, or the root of a cannabis plant.
- “school property” as per the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* means property that is owned or leased by, or operated under the authority of the Board of Education for School District No. 78, and is used for the purpose of delivering educational programs or other learning programs, and includes real property and improvements, and personal property.

Procedures:

1. The *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* and the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulation*, prohibitions against smoking or using vapour products on school property apply to all persons (including employees, students, volunteers, and members of the public) at all times while on school property. The only exception to this prohibition is that the ceremonial use of tobacco may be permitted in or on school property if the ceremonial use of tobacco is approved by the Board and it is performed: (a) in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity, or (b) by a prescribed group for a prescribed purpose.

2. Principals must deal with all persons violating this policy in a way that will discourage repetition of the offense by that person or others.
3. Where a person violating this policy is an employee, the employee may be subject to discipline up to and including termination of employment.
4. Where a person violating this policy is a student, Principals must deal with the violation in accordance with the terms of the Student Code of Conduct and, wherever possible, in a way that will provide the student with encouragement to stop smoking or stop engaging in the use of vapour products (including smoking cannabis or using cannabis vapour products).
5. All scientific information available is to be used to show the harmful effects of smoking and the use of vapour products.
6. Parents must be advised in writing whenever their child engages in smoking, or the use of vapour products in violation of this policy, and must be advised of corrective and/or rehabilitative processes applied.
7. This policy must appear in the Code of Conduct at each school in School District 78 (Fraser-Cascade).
8. All students, employees, and volunteers are to be made aware of this policy and its regulations.

Related Policies:

- [Policy 7400 \(Student Involvement with Alcohol, Intoxicants and Illegal Drugs\)](#)
- [Policy 7007 \(Student Code of Conduct\)](#)