

**School District #62 (Sooke)**

<b>USE OF TOBACCO, VAPOUR PRODUCTS AND CANNABIS ON SCHOOL BOARD PREMISES</b>	No.: E-530
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**SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

The Board of Education agrees with the evidence that smoking poses a threat to the current and future health of individuals. It also recognizes it has the responsibility as an educational agency to provide programs and initiatives which will help prevent the start of smoking and to assist in the cessation of smoking behaviours. As an employer, the Board also believes it has a responsibility to provide a smoke-free work environment.

In accordance with the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* and *The Cannabis Control and Licensing Act*, all school district properties are designated no smoking and no vaping allowed. The use of tobacco, vapour products and cannabis (in all forms) is banned on all public and private Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in British Columbia. The ban extends to all school district property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of whether or not school is in session. The ban also includes district owned vehicles, parking lots, sports fields, driveways, courtyards, private vehicles parked on school property and areas abutting school property.

The Board believes in providing welcoming, safe and sustainable facilities that enhance the learning and teacher environment and is committed to its fundamental responsibility of enforcing the ban on the use of tobacco, vapour products and cannabis on school district property, as required under the legislation and this policy.

Resources:

*Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*  
*Cannabis Control and Licensing Act*