

**School District #62 (Sooke)**

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

Designation

All school district property will be designated no smoking and no vaping allowed, with the use of tobacco, vapour products and cannabis (in all forms) on school property and areas abutting school property prohibited at all times for all employees, students and visitors. School property is defined as all school buildings, grounds and properties including school district offices and facilities and any properties owned or leased by or operated under the authority of the Board. The use of tobacco, vapour products and cannabis will not be permitted in private vehicles on school property, in school district owned vehicles and equipment, and in any vehicle used to transport students.

Exercising Reasonable Care and Diligence

All employees are expected to comply with the tobacco, vapour products and cannabis restrictions described in this policy and accompanying regulations relating to the use of tobacco, vapour products and cannabis on Board premises and to assist with the enforcement of these restrictions. In accordance with the legislative requirements, the Superintendent and principals must demonstrate that reasonable care and diligence have been taken to prevent a contravention of the ban on the use of tobacco, vapour products and cannabis. In exercising due diligence, the Superintendent and principals will inform the public of Policy E-530 and provide appropriate signage and website information. The policy will be communicated to existing and new employees.

Rentals

Organizations and persons using, renting or leasing School District property shall not be permitted to use tobacco, vapour products or cannabis on that property or areas abutting school property. Adherence to Policy E-530, the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* and the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* will be a condition of use, rental, or lease of the facility. It is the responsibility of the contract holder to inform any prescribed groups of the policy and regulations.

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.

Resources:

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