

Anti-Smoking Policy (including prohibition of vapour products)

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School Compliance Information

OneSchool Global's is **A TOBACCO AND VAPOUR PRODUCTS FREE ENVIRONMENT**. All public and private kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in B.C. are tobacco and vape-free under the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act and Regulation. This ban extends to all school property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of whether school is in session.

Background

OneSchool Global's concurs with evidence that smoking, and vaping is a severe threat to the current and future health of all individuals. The School, is committed to promoting the continued health and well-being of all of its students and staff members. The School, being an elementary school does not anticipate smoking and vaping concerning enrolled elementary grade students but having a tobacco and vapour free environment for the entire school community is of utmost importance and this rule will be enforced with the utmost rigour.

The school continues to value positive role-modelling by teachers, staff and parents, and the School requires cooperation in the implementation of this administrative policy.

OneSchool Global's also recognizes that the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act 2016 prohibits smoking, using tobacco, or holding lighted tobacco, in or on school property except for the purposes outlined in section 2.2(3) of the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act 2016*. The Act also prohibits the use of an e-cigarette or holding an activated e-cigarette on school property.

The Board has a policy in place that communicates their position on smoking and vaping on school property. This policy is communicated all staff members at OneSchool Global's at the start of each school year.

1. **Students and Parents:** The code of conduct for students and teachers includes a statement prohibiting smoking and vaping on school property. Written letters and/or newsletters sent home (emailed) to parents with clear consistent messaging. Intervention and education programs shall incorporate many avenues of information regarding smoking cessation including, but not limited to, the Simon Fraser Health Unit, the B.C. Lung Association, the Canadian Cancer Society, etc.

2. **User groups:** Lease or user agreements with community groups or sporting groups will reference the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act.
3. **Visitors:** Visitors to the school will see signs at each entrance to school property including entrances to playing fields and parking lots. Signage will be posted at all entrances to buildings on school property. (see signage below)

Signage

Signs will be posted around the school property.

- This is a smoke and vapour free property
- Thank you for not smoking or vaping
- We will include: Include *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act and Regulation* British Columbia (in small print at sign bottom)

School Property

The whole property is smoke and vapour free and we ask people to smoke or vape off property. We do not have any existing butt receptacles at the school

Smoking and Vaping in Vehicles

It is a violation of the Motor Vehicle Act to smoke or vape in any vehicle when a child under the age of 16 is present.

Enforcement Process

Enforcement of this administrative procedure with students shall attempt to be educational. Enforcement may involve the services of the regional health authority. Staff who violate this administrative procedure may face disciplinary action. Visitors who violate this administrative procedure will be told to refrain from the conduct or leave the premises.

Resources

Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act: pertaining to School Property (Section 2.2):
https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96451_01#section2.2