

Tobacco/Vaping/e-Cigarettes/Cannabis Free Environments

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The Board of Education believes that it is the right of its employees and all children in its care to learn and work in a healthy environment. The Board supports the Ministry of Health's initiatives to eliminate smoking, the use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes and other vaping devices, vaping, and cannabis use.

This policy applies to all employees, students, and contractors of School District #81 and the general public.

The District administration and school administrative officers are responsible for implementing this policy and ensuring that all users of District buildings and facilities are aware of the intent of, and comply with, the guidelines of this policy.

Guidelines

1. The use, possession, or display of tobacco and smokeless tobacco products, cannabis, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and other vaping devices are prohibited **at all times** in all school and District buildings, vehicles, and on all school grounds.
2. If a student is found to be in possession of these products or paraphernalia, these materials will be confiscated, and parents informed. Arrangements can be made with parents to pick up confiscated devices. The RCMP will be informed if the product is illegal.
3. All staff are encouraged to utilize lessons on cessation products, hazards, and prevention.
4. All schools are encouraged to display Ministry of Health and local Health Authority publications and other relevant materials regarding the hazards of tobacco, vaping, and cannabis use.
5. The Board will continue to use various strategies to support their commitment to a healthy environment.