

Tobacco-free schools: It's the law

In the interests of the health of students, staff and all others who use or visit schools and school district facilities, the B.C.'s *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* and the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act*, make it illegal to use tobacco or cannabis on school property at any time. This includes:

- Smoking, or using tobacco, or holding lighted tobacco or cannabis, and;
- Using e-cigarettes, or holding activated e-cigarettes, or any device that is vaporizing cannabis for inhalation or release in the air

Ban in effect at all times

The law makes tobacco or cannabis use on school property illegal both during and outside of regular classroom hours.

The law applies to everyone

Students, staff, parents and the general public (including groups that rent school facilities outside of school hours) are affected by the new law.



All school district facilities are included in the ban

Tobacco or cannabis use is not permitted on any part of a property that is owned, leased or operated by a school board, or any property that is used for the purpose of delivering educational or other learning programs.

The Surrey Board of Education supports a tobacco-free environment

The new law further strengthens the board's existing policy for a smoke-free environment which says "All district buildings and grounds to be a totally smoke-free environment for students, staff and visitors."

All Surrey School District employees are responsible for ensuring the law and board policy are followed – in the best interests of everyone's health.