

Coast Mountains Board of Education
School District 82

7000 Facilities, Grounds and Equipment

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**Smoking and Use of Tobacco
Products**

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Responsibility

Centre: Director of Facility Services

PREAMBLE

Medical evidence clearly shows that smoking is a significant health risk to those who smoke. There is equally clear evidence that those individuals who do not smoke, when exposed to second hand smoke, are at a significantly increased risk from exposure to that smoke. To promote a healthy learning environment, workplace and lifestyle, this policy directs that smoking and the use of tobacco products must not occur anywhere on school property.

POLICY

Smoking or the use of tobacco products, or holding lighted tobacco is prohibited at all times in all school district buildings and on all school district properties. An exception to this policy is the use of ceremonial tobacco as approved by the Board, and as performed in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity, or by a prescribed group for a prescribed purpose.

REGULATIONS

1. All school buildings and grounds and all other school district property shall be smoke-free. No one (student, employee, visitor, facility user, or member of the public) is permitted to smoke or use tobacco products on school district property at any time.
2. Individuals or groups wishing to use tobacco for ceremonial purposes as defined by policy must make written application to the Board through the Office of the Superintendent. All such applications must be approved by the Board.
3. Community members or groups who violate this policy while renting or otherwise using school district buildings or properties may be subject to:
 - 3.1. A charge of \$50.00 per hour (minimum charge \$50.00) to clean up the residue or garbage left by people smoking on district property.
 - 3.2. A warning that future violations of this policy will result in withdrawal of use of the building or property.
 - 3.3. Withdrawal of the privilege of using district buildings or properties.

4. No smoking is permitted in any school district vehicle at any time.
5. No smoking is permitted in any vehicle while on school district property at any time.
6. Elementary school students will not smoke or use tobacco products while under the jurisdiction of the school.
7. Secondary students will not smoke or use tobacco products while on school property at any time; or at any time while on school field trips, competitive events, extracurricular activities or any other school-related activity.
8. Students who violate this policy will be subject to progressive discipline. The Board sees value in educating students regarding health issues related to smoking. This should be reflected in the consequences.
9. While in the presence of students, employees and volunteers will not smoke or use tobacco products when involved in field trips, competitive events, extra-curricular activities or any other work-related activity.
10. Schools will support health and preventative programs that warn students about the hazards of smoking and the use of tobacco products. Schools will help students develop the ability to resist peer pressure, make decisions and use refusal and assertiveness skills to prevent and avoid tobacco use.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. Students, parents, employees, prospective employees, visitors, residents and businesses within the school's vicinity, and community members and groups who rent or otherwise use school district buildings or properties will be advised of this policy.
2. This school principal shall advise the Secretary-Treasurer's office of community members who violate this policy while renting or otherwise using district buildings or properties.

Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools) Amendment Act, 2007