

## No Smoking and Vapour Products Policy (September 2022)

Developed in consultation with the health and safety requirements of the British Columbia Government, City of Surrey, Federation of Independent School Association and the Ministry of Education.

### Overview

Legislation is a key tool in reducing tobacco and vapour product use and protecting youth from accessing tobacco and vapour products. Legislation also protects people from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke and vapour emissions.

On September 1, 2016 the [Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act](#) and [Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulation](#) came into effect, replacing the *Tobacco Control Act* and Regulation. The new Act and Regulation restrict the display, sale and use of vapour products and will be consistent with the existing laws related to tobacco. In connection with the needs of the School, this legislation covers the following areas:

- Restrictions on where tobacco and vapour products may be used;
- Bans smoking and vaping in indoor public and workplaces and bans all tobacco and vapour use in schools and on school grounds;

### Policy

The School is committed to the health and safety of all its students and staff. In relation to section 2.2 of the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act, the use of tobacco and vapour products is banned on all public and private Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in British Columbia.

No person shall smoke or use tobacco/e-cigarettes/e-substance, or hold lighted tobacco/activated e-cigarettes/e-substance in or on the School property. All e-cigarettes/s-substances are covered by this ban, regardless if they contain nicotine or not. The ban on these products extends on the School property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless if school is in session or not. This ban also includes vehicles, parking lots, sports fields, driveways, and entrance ways.

Anyone found smoking tobacco or using e-cigarettes/e-substances within 7 meters of the School property can be fined by the City of Surrey bylaw enforcement. Signage has been posted on the School property as per section 2.3 of [City of Surrey – By Law No. 16694](#).

The Ministry of Health may impose further fines for anyone found to be smoking within the School property as per the [Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act](#).

Any students found to be using tobacco/e-cigarettes/e-substances may be subject to a fine, and further disciplinary procedures as per the School's Discipline Policy.

For the safety and health of your students, staff, families, and visitors, the School is a tobacco and vapour free environment. The School is committed to upholding the ban on tobacco and vapour products, as required under legislation and this policy.