

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

POLICY

No. D-1

Amended: September 26, 2007

Amended: February 22, 2012

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Amended: October 22, 2024

SMOKE-FREE, SMOKELESS TOBACCO-FREE, ELECTRONIC SMOKING PRODUCTS-FREE AND VAPOUR PRODUCT-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Preamble:

The Board of Education acknowledges the importance of providing healthy learning and working environments for students and employees and recognizes the significant health hazard implicit in the use of tobacco, electronic smoking and vapour products. The Board encourages all efforts to eliminate and prevent the use of these and related products.

Policy:

In accordance with Section 2.2(2) and (3.1) of the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*, the Board of Education directs that a 'person must not smoke, use tobacco, or electronic smoking products, or hold lighted tobacco or activated electronic cigarettes, in or on school property.'

This means that any use of tobacco, smokeless tobacco or vape products is prohibited on all grounds and in all buildings and vehicles owned by School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen).

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

REGULATIONS

No. D-1

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SMOKE-FREE, SMOKELESS TOBACCO-FREE, ELECTRONIC SMOKING PRODUCTS-FREE AND VAPOUR PRODUCT-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. Administrators' shall make students, staff and parents aware of this policy at the beginning and throughout each school year.
2. District administration shall make all staff aware of this policy.
3. All school grounds shall be smoke-free and free from the use of electronic smoking products, smokeless tobacco products and vape products.
4. "No Smoking" signs shall be prominently displayed as needed.
5. Section 2.2.(3) of Bill 33 subsection (2) does not apply to the ceremonial use of tobacco in or on school property if the ceremonial use of tobacco is approved by the Board and it is performed:
 - (a) in relation to a traditional Indigenous cultural activity, or
 - (b) by a prescribed group for a prescribed purpose.