

TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

Background

The District recognizes tobacco use presents a danger to the health of students and adults and that there is a province-wide tobacco ban on all public school property

Procedures

1. There will be no use of tobacco on any West Vancouver School District property, within any West Vancouver School District building, or within any Board owned or leased vehicle.
2. All school grounds, buildings and vehicles shall be non-smoking areas at all times, including evenings and weekends.
3. Smoking is prohibited in all vehicles used to transport students for school activities.
4. All schools shall include the School District's and school's expectations regarding tobacco use in their Code of Conduct.
5. All schools are required to have signage indicating the ban on tobacco use on school grounds and property.
6. Instruction on the hazards of tobacco use will be provided for students in the elementary and secondary schools.
7. The only exemption to the District Tobacco-Free Environment Procedure shall be the approved ceremonial use of tobacco with recognized ceremonies.

Legal Reference: *Sections 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act*
 Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Act