

CANNABIS AND SCHOOLS

INFORMATION FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 83 (NORTH OKANAGAN-SHUSWAP)

On October 17, 2018, the Federal Cannabis Act took effect making it legal for adults to purchase, possess and grow certain amounts of cannabis in Canada. To reflect this legal change, School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) is updating its policies regarding cannabis so they are consistent with provincial and federal laws, and similar in approach to district policies regarding alcohol, tobacco and vaping.

Just as with tobacco and vapour products, smoking and vaping cannabis is not permitted on school district properties by students or adults, nor is it permitted within certain prescribed distances around school properties or anywhere where smoking is prohibited.

Minor students (18 years and younger)

- The possession of cannabis and cannabis products in British Columbia is legally limited to adults 19 years or older. A minor must not possess, consume, produce, supply, sell, purchase or attempt to purchase cannabis, nor market, advertise or promote cannabis. In addition, minors cannot possess, make, supply, sell, purchase or attempt to purchase a cannabis accessory (equipment related to cannabis use, production, etc.).
- A minor must not operate a vehicle, whether or not the vehicle is in motion, while there is cannabis in the vehicle.
- If a student is found in possession of what is believed to be cannabis or a cannabis-infused product, the product will be confiscated. Further actions may also be taken against the student.

Adults (19 years and older)

- Adults cannot consume cannabis in any form on any school district property.
- Adults cannot consume cannabis while operating a vehicle or consume cannabis while in a vehicle being operated by another person. An adult must not operate a vehicle if the adult knows that another person is smoking or vaping cannabis in the vehicle.

School District No. 83 Employee Code of Conduct continues to have a zero tolerance policy on the impairment of employees while at work or in performances of work duties, whether under the influence of cannabis, alcohol or any other restricted substance.



For additional information on cannabis and cannabis laws, please visit: cannabis.gov.bc.ca or Canada.ca/cannabis.