

School District 50: Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte

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POLICY

The Province of British Columbia (Bill 10, The Tobacco Sales Amendment Act, 2007), together with the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte) believe that tobacco use and smoking are addictive practices and that tobacco use in the school and work environment are not appropriate practices toward supporting good health. The Board of Education therefore bans smoking and the use of tobacco in all its forms, from District premises, property and vehicles.

The exception to this policy is for the ceremonial use of tobacco where the activity has been approved by the board, and the ceremony is performed in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity, or performed by a group for a purpose approved by government regulation.

PROCEDURE

1. Smoking and the use of tobacco in all its forms is prohibited from District premises, property and vehicles. This includes premises leased to another entity, and premises that the board leases from another entity, where a learning program is delivered;
2. Smoking may be permitted on residential properties, where a learning program is

not delivered, at the discretion of the Board of Education;

3. Student smoking will be discouraged and information regarding the harmful effects of smoking will be made available.

4. When an individual contravenes this ban, he/she will be subject to disciplinary action by the principal and/or by the Board, pursuant to Section 103 of the School Act, which disciplinary action may include suspension from school and under the Provincial statute Offence Act, with penalties and fines ranging up to \$2000.00 or 6 months imprisonment.

5. It is anticipated that the board, superintendent, principal and school staff will work together with the smoker in preventing the contravention.