

# **GP VANIER VAPING AND SMOKING POLICY**

All public and private kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in B.C. are tobacco and vape-free under the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act and Regulation. This ban extends to all school property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of whether or not school is in session. The ban also includes vehicles, parking lots, sports fields, driveways, courtyards, and private vehicles parked on school property. Under the regulation a person must not deal in, sell, offer for sale, distribute, provide, advertise or promote the use of tobacco or vapour products. It also states that a person must not smoke or use tobacco, or hold lighted tobacco/use an e-cigarette, or hold an activated e-cigarette, in or on school property.

**If a student is found using an e-cigarette or tobacco or holding lighted tobacco or an activated e-cigarette on the school grounds (including the track/sports centre and surrounding forested areas), in violation of the act, the following progressive discipline cycle will apply:**

- Step 1**                    -Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia  
                                 -Parents Contacted, education package #1, meet with Youth & Family Worker
- Step 2**                    -Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia  
                                 -Parents Contacted, education package #2, meet with Youth & Family Worker  
                                 -Lunchtime Detention
- Step 3**                    -Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia  
                                 -Parents Contacted, education package #3, meet with John Howard Outreach  
                                 -1 Day Out of School Suspension
- Step 4**                    -Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia  
                                 -Parents Contacted, education package #4, meet with John Howard Outreach  
                                 -3 Day Out of School Suspension
- Step 5**                    -Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia  
                                 -Parents Contacted, meet with John Howard Outreach  
                                 -Suspension to the Board of Education

**\*If this violation of the act happens inside the school buildings discipline will start at Step 4.**

**\*If the violation of the act includes providing, selling or distributing Tobacco or Vapour Products the discipline will start at Step 4.**

**\*Failure to hand over a vape will be considered failure to follow direction from staff and will be dealt with accordingly**