

5.14 Tobacco and Vape-Free School

1. Rationale

Kootenay Christian Academy recognizes that the use of tobacco and vape products is a detrimental lifestyle choice for students, employees, and visitors. The school acknowledges its legal obligations to act in accordance with Section 2.2 of the Tobacco Control Act (Tobacco Sales Act as amended by Bill 10 in 2007). Finally, Kootenay Christian Academy, accepting the responsibility inherent in education of providing positive role models and best practices, will promote a healthy learning and working environment.

2. Policy

1.1. Tobacco and Vape Use Prohibition:

- 2.1. No person is permitted to vape, smoke, use, or hold any tobacco product at any time, including non-school hours and days, in or on any building or land, owned, leased or rented by the school. This prohibition applies to any vehicles on school property.
- 2.2. No school student is permitted to vape, smoke, use or hold any tobacco product at any school sponsored or school related events, even though the events are held off school property.
- 2.3. All persons who are not school students will be requested not to vape, smoke, use or hold any tobacco products in the presence of school students at school sponsored or school related events which are held off school property.

3. Enforcement

- 3.1. Students engaging in the prohibited behaviour will be subject to the stipulations of the student discipline policy.
- 3.2. School employees engaging in the prohibited behaviour will be subject to the stipulations of the employment agreement regarding employee code of conduct violations.
- 3.3. All other persons will be asked to cease their use of a tobacco or vaping products or to leave the school property or school event.

4. Education

- 4.1. Kootenay Christian Academy will include education about the harmful effects of tobacco use at appropriate grade levels in its educational program.
- 4.2. Kootenay Christian Academy will communicate that it is a tobacco and vape free institution through its usual communication modes to students, parents, employees, and visitors.
- 4.3. Kootenay Christian Academy will post signs at appropriate places in its facilities and on its grounds providing notification that the school is a tobacco and vape free institution.