

October 26, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Cannabis Legalization

As you are likely aware, the Cannabis Act came into effect October 17, 2018 legalizing recreational cannabis (marijuana) in Canada. In British Columbia, 19 is the minimum age to possess, consume, produce, supply or attempt to purchase cannabis products or cannabis accessories in any form.

The legalization of cannabis changes very little for our schools. Cannabis is still illegal for anyone under 19, and remains a controlled substance, in much the same way that alcohol is. The Abbotsford School District [Code of Conduct](#) continues to apply to illegal or restricted substances; cannabis products are still not permitted in Abbotsford schools. Intoxication or impairment as a result of consuming any controlled substance is still prohibited. Cannabis cannot be consumed, smoked or vaped anywhere that tobacco smoking and vaping are prohibited. This includes: a workplace, vehicle, playground or outdoor park, sports field, skate park, or other places where children commonly gather, near entry/exits, or at a bus stop.

Important Things to Know About Cannabis

- Cannabis cannot be sold, supplied or permitted to be consumed by anyone under 19;
- Cannabis products cannot be consumed on any school district property;
- Impairment or intoxication is not permitted on school property;
- Cannabis can cause damage to a developing brain, and families should learn about the health implications of cannabis use.

Helpful resources for families:

- For information on cannabis and cannabis laws, please visit: www.cannabis.gov.bc.ca or www.Canada.ca/cannabis
- www.heretohelp.bc.ca/workbook/cannabis-use-and-youth-a-parents-guide
- www.letstalkcannabis.ca

If you have any further questions about how cannabis legalization is being addressed in Abbotsford schools, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,



Kevin Godden
Superintendent of Schools