



Shaftesbury High School

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Shaftesbury High School Fair Notice: **Vaping Awareness and School Expectations**

Dear Shaftesbury Families and Students,

We are reaching out at the start of the school year to share important information about vaping and our collective commitment to student health, safety, and success.

Why This Matters

Across our division and in schools across Winnipeg, we are seeing an increase in vaping among youth. We know that vaping poses significant health risks, particularly for adolescents, and can interfere with a student's success at school — physically, mentally, and academically. Our goal is to work with families and students to prevent the harms associated with vaping and to provide support and education to help students make informed choices.

School Expectations

All schools in the Pembina Trails School Division are smoke and vape-free, both inside our buildings and on school grounds. This aligns with the **Pembina Trails School Division Smoke Free Policy**.

Students who are found vaping or in possession of vapes, cigarettes, or related products on school grounds will have the items confiscated. Since most of our students are underage, additional consequences may include:

- Letter put in the student's school file
- Parent/caregiver contact and meeting
- Temporary removal from school (sent home)
- In school suspension
- Possible fines under provincial regulations

We will always approach these situations with care, fairness, and the intent to support positive behaviour change.



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Education and Support

We recognize that punitive measures alone are not the solution. That's why vaping and substance awareness education is part of our Phys. Ed and Health Education curriculum.

In addition:

- Students can access counseling or support through the school if they are struggling with substance use.
- Families are encouraged to talk with their children about the risks of vaping and to seek assistance if needed.
- You can access [additional information](#) on the [health effects](#) of vaping from Health Canada.

Your Role as Partners

We ask for your continued partnership in discussing this issue with your child. Please encourage them to:

- Refrain from bringing vaping/smoking products to school
- Avoid using any such products on or near school property
- Speak to a trusted adult if they have questions or need support

Together, we can create a safe and healthy school environment that empowers our students to make choices that support their well-being and future success. We share the air with everyone in our school, we need to respect that.

Thank you for your support as we work together to foster a positive and respectful learning environment for all.

Sincerely,

Mike Weekes & Jane Bachart
Administration Team