ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fair Notice: Firearm Violence Prevention Act

The Abbotsford School District is committed to providing safe, caring and inclusive learning environments for all students, staff and members of our school communities.

As of October 1, 2026, new legislation and regulations under British Columbia's Firearm Violence Prevention Act (FVPA) are in effect. The legislation strengthens existing school district procedures by establishing a clear, province-wide prohibition on firearms, low-velocity firearms and imitation firearms on K–12 school properties.

This includes firearms as well as items such as BB, pellet, gel, airsoft and paintball guns, and imitation firearms that could reasonably be mistaken for a firearm.

The Abbotsford School District already prohibits weapons on school property through Administrative Procedure 320 – Possession of Weapons or Explosives. AP 320 prohibits the possession, handling, use, display or transportation of firearms, including replicas, and other weapons on school grounds and at school-related activities, functions and events.

The new provincial legislation further supports these expectations and provides law enforcement with additional tools to address firearm-related public safety risks. Anyone who possesses a firearm, low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm on school property without a valid exemption may be subject to enforcement under the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*.

Students, families and community members are reminded that firearms, low-velocity firearms and imitation firearms must not be brought onto school property or to school-related activities or events.

Working together, we can continue to maintain safe and welcoming environments for everyone in our school communities.

Sincerely,

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