



## 420 – April 20<sup>th</sup>

### What is '420'?

'420' – pronounced 'four twenty' - refers to consuming cannabis (marijuana) and identifying with cannabis subculture. 420 observances are based on time – 4:20pm – as well as date – April 20<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2017, there will be a rally in Vancouver attended by several thousand participants and onlookers at *420 Classic* (Vancouver Art Gallery) and *420:Smoke Out Vancouver* (Sunset Beach). Students are aware of '420', and schools report a number of students who either leave school to attend the '420' gathering, or use '420' as an excuse not to attend school that day.

### Vancouver Board of Education Policy

#### Please note:

- School is in attendance on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Attendance will be taken, and students WILL be marked absent as on any other day
- For many reasons VSB does not condone students participating in the 420 event.

For more information on 420 see the *FACTS, FICTION AND CONVERSATION STARTERS WITH YOUTH* handout which is available at [www.vsb.bc.ca/sacy](http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sacy). Topics covered in the handout include:

- 420 - more information
- How can we, as adults, support youth safety?
- What youth need to know & how we as caring adults can talk to youth about marijuana.

Learn more about cannabis at: <http://heretohelp.bc.ca/factsheet/cannabis>,  
<http://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/sites/default/files/cannabis.pdf>,  
<http://ncpic.org.au/>

Please connect with a SACY staff person affiliated with your school for information, support and resources:  
[www.vsb.bc.ca/sacy/contacts](http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sacy/contacts)

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