



## 420 – April 20

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. On Friday, April 20, 2018, there will be a protest and farmer's market at 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 Friday, April 20, 2018**
- **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> or <https://cannabissupport.com.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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