

TOBACCO

Smoking presents a health hazard that can have serious consequences both for the smoker and the nonsmoker. Students shall not be allowed to smoke, chew or possess tobacco or nicotine products on school property or while attending school sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of district employees. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to disciplinary procedures that may result in suspension from school. (Education Code 48900)

The District shall provide instruction regarding the effects of smoking on the human body and shall take steps to discourage students from making it a practice to smoke. (Education Code 48901, 51502)

Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, tobacco, or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or form, and includes the use of an electronic smoking device that creates aerosol or vapor or of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking.

Tobacco products include:

1. A product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, or snuff
2. An electronic device that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah
3. Any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately

These prohibitions do not apply to a student's possession or use of his/her own prescription products. However, student possession or use of prescription products in school shall be subject to the district's policy and regulation for addressing the administration of medications on campus.

Student possession or use of tobacco on school premises or at school-sponsored events is a violation of law and Board policy and is not permitted. Students violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary procedures.

All students in grades four through eight shall receive instruction that addresses the following topics: (Health and Safety Code 104420)

1. Immediate and long-term undesirable physiological, cosmetic and social consequences of tobacco use.
2. Reasons that adolescents say they smoke or use tobacco.
3. Peer norms and social influences that promote tobacco use.
4. Refusal skills for resisting social influences that promote tobacco use.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48900	Suspension or expulsion (grounds)
48900.5	Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception
48901	Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited
51202	Instruction in personal and public health and safety

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

104420	Implementation of tobacco use prevention program
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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

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