

## **Community Relations**

### **Smoke-Free Environment**

#### **Students**

At any time there shall be no smoking or any other unauthorized use of tobacco or tobacco products by students in any school building or school vehicle or on any school grounds or when the student is subject to the supervision of designated school personnel, such as when the student is at any school function, sporting event, extracurricular event, field trip, or school-related activity, such as work-study program.

This prohibition extends to all facilities the District owns/operates, contracts for, or leases to provide educational services, routine health care, daycare, or early childhood development services to children, as well as facilities in which services are not provided to children.

This prohibition does not apply to any private residence or any portion of a facility that is used for in-patient hospital treatment of individuals dependent on, or addicted to, drugs or alcohol in which the District provides services.

In addition, the prohibition does not apply to a classroom where a demonstration of the use of an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product is taking place as part of a medical or scientific experiment or lesson.

A program of student support and counseling will be offered to provide support for students who wish to break the smoking habit.

#### **Staff and Public**

At any time there shall be no smoking in buildings, on any school grounds under the control of the Board of Education, on transportation provided by the Board of Education, or during the course of any trip sponsored by the Board of Education or under the supervision of the Board of Education or its authorized agents.

A program of staff support and counseling will be offered to provide support for staff who wish to break the smoking habit.

A sign shall be posted on school premises indicating that smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, is prohibited by state law.

#### **Definitions**

**Tobacco** includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine delivering devices, chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances, and any other tobacco or nicotine innovations.

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**Electronic nicotine delivery system** means an electronic device that may be used to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or other substance to a person inhaling from the device and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or other component of such device.

**Liquid nicotine container** means a container that holds a liquid substance containing nicotine that is sold, marketed, or intended for use in an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product, except "liquid nicotine container" does not include such a container that is prefilled and sealed by the manufacturer and not intended to be opened by the consumer.

**Vapor product** means any product that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that may or may not include nicotine that is inhaled by the user of such product.

(cf. 1120 Board of Education Meetings)

(cf. 1330 Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 4118.231/4218.231 Employee Smoking, Drinking, and Use of Drugs on School Premises)

(cf. 5131.6 Drugs, Tobacco, and Alcohol)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-233a(h) Definitions, "School-sponsored activity"

19a-342 Smoking prohibited in certain places. Signs required. Penalties.

21a 242 Schedules of controlled substances.

P.A. 14-76 An Act Concerning the Governor's Recommendations Regarding Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Youth Smoking Prevention

P.A. 15-206 An Act Regulating Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products

P.L. 107-110, Section 4303, "Non-smoking Policy for Children's Services"

20 U.S.C. 7181-7184 The Pro Children Act of 2001, PL 107-110, 115 State 1174