

Lower Merion School District

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815 TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The possession, distribution and/or use of tobacco products by employees, volunteers, contractors and students is prohibited in all buildings owned by the District, on school grounds, in school vehicles and/or while participating in school-sponsored activities on or off school premises. The foregoing is a total ban, for all students, on all possession, distribution and/or use of tobacco products in any District building, on any District property, in any District vehicle and/or during any District-sponsored activity. Violation of this Policy will result in penalties and disciplinary consequences.

The distribution and/or use of tobacco, products by visitors is prohibited in all buildings owned by the District, on school grounds, in school vehicles and/or while participating in school-sponsored activities on or off school premises.

Definitions

“Tobacco products” means:

- (1) Cigarettes.
- (2) Cigars.
- (3) Electronic cigarettes (including what is commonly referred to as “vaping”).
- (4) Roll-your-own tobacco.
- (5) Periques, granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed and other smoking tobacco, snuff, dry snuff, snuff flour, cavendish, plug and twist tobacco, fine-cut and other chewing tobaccos, shorts, refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco and other kinds and forms of tobacco, prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing or ingesting or for smoking in a pipe or otherwise, or any combination of chewing, ingesting or smoking.

“Cigarette” means any roll for smoking made wholly or in part of tobacco, the wrapper or cover of which is made of any substance or material other than tobacco regardless of the size or shape of the roll and regardless of whether or not the tobacco is flavored, adulterated or mixed with any other ingredient or a little cigar.

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“Electronic cigarettes” means:

(1) An electronic oral device, such as one composed of a heating element and battery or electronic circuit, or both, which provides a vapor of nicotine or any other substance and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. This includes what is commonly referred to as “vaping.”

(2) The term includes:

(i) A device as described in paragraph (1), notwithstanding whether the device is manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar and e-pipe or under any other product, name or description.

(ii) A liquid or substance placed in or sold for use in an electronic cigarette.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop implementation procedures including notification, assistance through smoking cessation programs and policy enforcement.

Cross Reference

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 235 (Student Rights and Responsibilities)