

## **USE AND POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

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The Waunakee Community School District Board of Education recognizes that the use of tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, staff, visitors, and school facilities. The board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products, both to users and non-users. The Board embraces its obligation to promote positive role models in schools, and to provide an environment for learning and working that is safe, healthy, and free from unwanted smoke and tobacco use for the students, staff, and visitors.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student of the Waunakee Community School District to possess, consume, display, or sell any tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, or electronic cigarettes at any time on school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any staff, or visitor of the Waunakee Community School District to consume, display, or sell any tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, or electronic cigarettes at any time on school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events.

Anyone in violation of the law will be referred to law enforcement officials for legal action.

### **Definitions:**

The term “any time” means during normal school and non-school hours.

The term “electronic cigarette” means any oral device that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine, and/or other substance, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking, including, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, e-hookahs, vaping devices or devices under any other product name or descriptor. A Juul is one example of a vaping device.

The term “school property” means all property under control of the school district, whether owned, rented, or leased including but not limited to all vehicles.

The term “tobacco product” means any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that are intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means. Including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, dry snuff, moist snuff/chewing tobacco, and snus.

The term “tobacco-related devices” means ashtrays, cigarette papers or pipes for smoking or any components, parts, or accessories of electronic cigarettes, including cartridges.

The success of this policy will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of both

tobacco-users and non-users. All individuals on school premises including students, staff, administrators, and visitors share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy.

**Enforcement**

Students who violate the provisions of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion. Any student in violation of this policy will be referred to law enforcement officials for legal action. Any offense will also carry a requirement to meet with the District ATODA Prevention Specialist.

Visitors who are observed violating this policy shall be asked to comply with the Waunakee Community School District tobacco policy. If the visitor fails to comply with the request, his or her violation of the policy may be referred to the building principal or other school district supervisory personnel available. The supervisor shall make a decision on further action that may include a directive to leave school property. Repeated violation may result in a recommendation to the superintendent to prohibit the individual from entering school district property for a specified period of time. If he or she refuses to leave, the police may be called.

FDA approved tobacco cessation products or tobacco dependence products are exempt from this policy. (This would allow employees and visitors to use cessation products on school property or at school sponsored events.

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   101.123  
   120.12 (20)  
   120.13 (1)(b)  
   254.92

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   447.5, Discipline of Students with Disabilities

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