

USE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE SUBSTANCES

The board of directors recognizes that to protect students from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine, employees and officers of the school district, and all members of the community, have an obligation as role models to refrain from tobacco use on school property at all times. Tobacco includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, nicotine delivering devices, chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; and any other tobacco innovation.

Any use of such products by staff, students, visitors and community members shall be prohibited on school district property. Possession or distribution of tobacco products by minors is prohibited. This shall include all district buildings, grounds and district-owned vehicles.

The use of Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine replacement therapy is permitted. However, students must have a physician's prescription for the FDA approved nicotine replacement therapy and must follow applicable policies regarding use of medication by students.

Notices advising students, district employees and community members of this policy shall be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the superintendent and shall be included in the employee and student handbooks. Employees and students are subject to discipline for violations of this policy, and school district employees are responsible for the enforcement of the policy.

Cross References:	Board Policy 3200	Student Rights and Responsibilities
	Board Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishments
	Board Policy 5280	Termination of Employment
Legal References:	RCW 28A.210.310	Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property
	RCW 70.155.080	Purchasing, obtaining or possessing tobacco by Minors — Civil infraction

Management Resources: *Policy News*, December 2010 Addressing the Use of "Electronic" Cigarettes
Policy News, October 2010 Electronic Cigarettes

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