

## TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT

Recognizing that the use of tobacco products are both a safety and health hazard, it shall be the policy of the Indian River School District to prohibit the use of any tobacco products by all persons within all buildings, facilities, and on school grounds of the district.

Tobacco is defined as any type of tobacco product including, but not limited to; cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, electronic cigarettes, pipes, bidis, hookahs, smokeless, spit tobacco or snuff.

### I. GENERAL

The Indian River School District recognizes its position as an educational institution charged with promoting the health, safety, and welfare of its students. Smoking and the use of other tobacco products have been recognized as health hazards by the United States Public Health Service and also by numerous studies. It has also been shown that smoking is harmful to both smokers and nonsmokers in the same area. Our district health curriculum teaches that smoking and tobacco product use are dangerous anti-health activities. Further, the district's disciplinary policy prohibits students from smoking and imposes sanctions for violations.

### II. SCOPE OF POLICY

In order to promote a tobacco-free environment, employees, students, and visitors are prohibited from the use or distribution of tobacco products in school buildings, on school grounds, in school-leased or owned vehicles, and at all school affiliated functions.

- A. This tobacco free environment policy shall apply to:
  - 1. Any building, property, or vehicle leased, owned or operated by the school district, or assigned contractor.
    - a. School bus operators under contract shall be considered staff for the purpose of this policy.
  - 2. Any private building or other property including automobiles, or other vehicles used for school activities when students and staff are present due to the dangers of second hand smoke.
  - 3. Any non-educational groups utilizing school buildings or other educational assets.
  - 4. Any individuals or a volunteer who supervises students off school grounds.

- B. No school or school district property may be used for the advertising of any tobacco product.

III. Enforcement

- A. Any student violating the provisions of this policy shall be subject to consequences noted in the IRSD Student Code of Conduct/Penalties.
- B. It will be the responsibility of all Indian River School District personnel to be aware of the policy and to assist in its enforcement, if asked.

IV. Communication

This policy will be communicated to all staff, students, visitors, and the community at large, by clearly posted signs at all building and facility entrances. Students and staff will be informed by building notification and by way of the student handbook/calendars.

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