

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

No. 106

Board of Trustees

Douglas County School District

OBJECTIVES

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS

Since the use of tobacco products has been identified as a major health problem in the United States, it is the intention of Douglas County School District to become tobacco free. The success of this policy and administrative regulation will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers. All individuals on district premises share in the responsibility for adhering to this policy. Students and district staff will be subject to disciplinary actions for violations and other persons violating this policy shall be instructed to leave the school property. Violations shall be reported to the building site administrator.

Students

A student is considered to be in violation of this policy either through possession or use of tobacco products, including electronic nicotine-delivery devices, in school facilities or on school property. Students will be made aware of this policy through each school's student handbook.

For first use or possession violation, a student will be suspended for at least one day; suspended for at least three days for a second use or possession violation; and may lead to habitual discipline consequences for any subsequent violations. Students using electronic nicotine-delivery devices during class will be immediately suspended for three days out-of-school.

Suspension, as referenced above may be carried out as actual removal for the school and campus for the days involved or, at the discretion of the administration, may result in removal from all regular classes and serving detention in the school.

Staff

Appropriate disciplinary actions will be implemented regarding employees who smoke, use tobacco products, or electronic nicotine-delivery devices in district vehicles, on school grounds, or in or about school buildings, except in a separate outside area, which has been designated for smoking.

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Citizens

Signs making it clear to citizens that smoking is prohibited will be displayed in areas most often used by community groups. Citizens who are observed smoking in school district facilities should be reminded of the policy. Announcers at events such as football games, etc., should remind those in attendance of the policy and request their cooperation.

If the members of groups or organizations that use school facilities on a regular basis fail to adhere to this policy, their authorization to use school facilities will be revoked.

See Board Policy related to this Administrative Regulation

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