

1 TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND NICOTINE VAPOR PRODUCTS

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3 I. ASSOCIATED REGULATION: GBEC-R/JFCH-R/KGC-R: TOBACCO AND
4 NICOTINE VAPOR PRODUCTS REGULATIONS

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6 II. GENERALLY

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8 Alexandria City Public Schools is committed to providing a school environment that
9 enhances learning through the development of lifelong wellness practices. In addition, the
10 health, comfort and learning environment of students and staff are important aspects of
11 ACPS’ mission to ensure success by inspiring students and addressing barriers to
12 learning.

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14 Therefore, in accordance with Va. Code § 22.1-279.6, students may not possess, use or
15 distribute any tobacco product or nicotine vapor product on a school bus, on school
16 property, or at an on-site or off-site school sponsored activity.

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18 All other persons may not use or distribute any tobacco product or nicotine vapor product
19 on a school bus, on school property, or at an on-site or off-site school-sponsored activity,
20 in accordance with Va. Code § 22.1-79.5.

21 III. DEFINITIONS

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23 **"Tobacco product"** means any product made of tobacco and includes cigarettes, cigars,
24 smokeless tobacco, pipe tobacco, bidis, and wrappings as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-
25 371.2. "Tobacco product" does not include any nicotine vapor product, alternative
26 nicotine product, or product that is regulated by the FDA under Chapter V (21 U.S.C. §
27 351 et seq.) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

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29 **"Nicotine vapor product"** means any noncombustible product containing nicotine that
30 employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical,
31 or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from
32 nicotine in a solution or other form. "Nicotine vapor product" includes any electronic
33 cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or
34 device and any cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is
35 intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo,
36 electronic pipe, or similar product or device, as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-371.2.
37 "Nicotine vapor product" does not include any product regulated by the FDA under
38 Chapter V (21 U.S.C. § 351 et seq.) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

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40 **"School property"** means all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by a
41 school, including but not limited to the following:

- 42 • All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction,
43 administration, support services, maintenance, or storage;
- 44 • Any indoor facility or portion of such facility owned or leased or contracted for
45 and used for the provision of regular or routine health care, day care, or early
46 childhood development (Head Start) services;

- 47 • All vehicles used by the Division for transporting students, staff, visitors or other
- 48 persons; and
- 49 • The grounds of any building or other structure used for instruction,
- 50 administration, sporting events, support services, maintenance, or storage.

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52 **IV. PROCEDURES**

53 To preserve a safe, nondisruptive environment for effective teaching and learning,
54 Regulation GBEC-R/JFCH-R/KGC-R outlines:

- 55 • Provisions for the enforcement of this policy among students, employees, and
- 56 visitors, including the enumeration of possible sanctions or disciplinary actions;
- 57 and
- 58 • Resources to help staff and students overcome tobacco and nicotine addiction.

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60 **V. NOTIFICATION**

61 This policy will be published in student and employee handbooks, posted on bulletin
62 boards, and announced in meetings.

- 63 Adopted: December 5, 1996
- 64 Amended: June 20, 2002
- 65 Amended: June 19, 2003
- 66 Amended: December 6, 2007
- 67 Amended: June 18, 2009
- 68 Amended: December 18, 2014
- 69 Amended: December 16, 2021

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71 Legal Refs.: 20 U.S.C. §§ 6083, 7183.

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73 Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§18.2-371.2, 22.1-79.5, 22.1-279.6.

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75	Cross Refs.:	CLA Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse
76		GBEC-R/JFCH-R/KGC-R Tobacco and Nicotine Vapor Products Regulations
77		JFC Student Conduct
78		JFCF/JFCI Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) in Schools
79		JFCF-R/JFCI-R Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Abuse:
80		Regulations
81		JHCF Student Wellness
82		JHCF-R Student Wellness Guidelines
83		KG Community Use of School Facilities
84		KGB Public Conduct on School Property
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