

Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices

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 use of tobacco products and delivery devices on school property at all times. Tobacco products and delivery devices include, but are not limited to cigarettes, cigars, snuff, prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivery devices or chemicals that are not FDA-approved to help people quit using tobacco, devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances and any other smoking equipment, device, material or innovation.

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

The use of Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine replacement therapy in the form of a nicotine patch, gum or lozenge is permitted. However, students and employees must follow applicable policies regarding use of medication at school.

Notices advising students, district employees and community members of this policy will be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the superintendent and will 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: 5201 – Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace
 3416 – Medication at School
 5280 – Separation from Employment
 3241 – Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action
 3200 – Rights and Responsibilities

Legal References: RCW 28A.210.270 Public and private schools – Administration of medication – Immunity from liability – Discontinuance, procedure.
 RCW 28A.210.260 Public and private schools – Administration of medication – Conditions.
 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

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