

## Student Smoking, Tobacco and Vaping

### Section A - Introduction

The Board of Education of District #225 views the presence and use of tobacco and tobacco products, as well as alternative nicotine products as a significant impediment to student well-being. Furthermore, the Board believes that parents, guardians and students should expect a school environment free of tobacco, tobacco products, and alternative nicotine products. The purpose of this policy is to foster an environment that is conducive to student well-being and free from such products within the jurisdiction of the school.

### Section B – Jurisdiction

The provisions of this policy shall be in force:

1. In any physical area on or attendant to school or District property;
2. At any school or District-sponsored or related activities, performances, extracurricular and athletic events;
3. During school or District-sanctioned or provided travel and transportation; and
4. At any other activity or event, if the administration determines that the incident bears a connection to, or impact on the school, safety at school, or is disruptive to the educational environment.

### Section C – Definitions

1. “Tobacco,” and/or “tobacco product” as used in this Policy, shall mean cigarettes, tobacco products, cigars, pipes, any cartridge or component of an alternative tobacco, and tobacco in any other form, whether or not lit or smoked, including smokeless tobacco that is loose, cut, shredded, ground, powdered, or compressed.
2. “Alternative nicotine product” as used in this policy shall mean a product or device not consisting of or containing tobacco that provides for the ingestion into the body of nicotine, whether by vaping, chewing, smoking, absorbing, dissolving, inhaling, snorting, sniffing, or any other means. “Alternative nicotine product” excludes items as described above in Paragraph One and any product legally possessed by a student and approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration as a non-tobacco product for sale as a tobacco cessation product, as a tobacco dependence product, or for other medical purposes, and is being marketed and sold solely for that approved purpose.

### Section D – Violations

A student shall be considered in violation of this policy when the student is observed:

1. Possessing or throwing away, lit or unlit, all items as described above in Section C, Paragraph One; or,
2. Exhaling smoke or vapor from the mouth or nose; or,
3. Placing any tobacco or tobacco products in the mouth or nose; or
4. Occupying or exiting a bathroom cubicle, vehicle, space or area from which smoke or vapor is emanating; or
5. Possessing any items as described above in Section C, Paragraph Two.t

The building administration will review incidents of possible violations of this policy and implement due process and any necessary investigation. If the charges are found to be valid, violations of this policy will

be processed in accordance with the Policy and Procedures for Board Policy 7:191: Disciplinary Action Relative to Student Misconduct and the procedures as outlined in the Parent/Guardian and Student Handbook. Offenses shall be cumulative during a school year but shall not be cumulative from one school year to the next.

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