

USE OF NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND IMITATION NICOTINE PRODUCTS

To promote the health and safety of all students and staff, the district prohibits all employees, students, and visitors from using, possessing, smoking, vaping, consuming, displaying, promoting, or selling any tobacco products, nicotine products, imitation tobacco products, vaping products, or tobacco-related devices in all district facilities, on district transportation, on all district grounds at all times and at any district-sponsored event or activity while off campus. This prohibition extends to all facilities the district owns, uses, contracts for, or leases to provide educational services, routine health care, daycare, or early childhood development services to children.

Imitation Tobacco Product

Any edible or nonedible, nontobacco product designed to resemble a tobacco product intended to be used by children as a toy. Imitation tobacco products include, but are not limited to, chocolate cigarettes, bubble gum cigars, shredded bubble gum resembling chewing tobacco, pouches containing flavored substances packaged similarly to snuff, and shredded beef jerky in containers resembling snuff tins.

Smoking/Vaping

Inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lit or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted or heated product that contains, is made of, or is derived from a natural or synthetic form of nicotine, tobacco, or other plants and that is intended for inhalation. Smoking/vaping also includes carrying or using an activated electronic smoking device.

Tobacco and/or Nicotine Product

1. Any product, whether synthetic or natural, that contains, is made of, or is derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption by chewing, smoking, absorbing, dissolving, inhaling, snorting, sniffing, or ingesting by any other means.
2. Any component, part or accessory of a tobacco product including, but not limited to, cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, cigars, little cigars, cheroots, stogies, perique's, granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other smoking tobacco, snuff, snuff flour, Cavendish, plug and twist tobacco, fine cut and other chewing tobacco, shorts, refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco, and other kinds and forms of tobacco.

Tobacco-Related Devices

Ash trays, rolling papers, wraps or pipes for smoking and any components, parts or accessories of electronic smoking devices.

Vapor Product

Any noncombustible product containing nicotine that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit or electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. Vapor product includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or similar product or device, and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic pipe or similar product or device. Vapor product does not include any alternative nicotine product.

Smoking Cessation Products

This policy does not prohibit adults from possessing and using products approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for smoking cessation. Students may possess and use those products, as allowed under policy JHCD.

Signage

Appropriate signage reflecting the content of this policy will be posted throughout the district at building entrances and other highly visible locations in all school buildings, indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, and district-owned transportation.

Consequences

Students and employees who violate this policy will be disciplined in accordance with applicable board policies and may be offered referrals to smoking cessation programs. Employees may be terminated for repeated violations. Visitors who violate this policy may be asked to leave in accordance with district policies and procedures. Members of the public or visitors refusing to leave when asked will be considered as trespassing and subject to corresponding district policies.

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Cross Refs.: IGAEA - Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
JG - Student Discipline
JHCD - Administration of Medications to Students
KG - Community Use of School Facilities
KK - Visitors to District Property/Events

Legal Refs.: §§ 191.765 - .777, 290.145, RSMo.
Pro-Children Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7182 - 7184