

Tobacco Use on School Property

The Board of Education has a duty to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students and staff. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products, both to users and non-users, and that most tobacco use begins by the age of 18. The Board recognizes that district personnel and school visitors serve as role models to students and, therefore, adopts this 100% Tobacco-Free School Policy to endorse a healthy lifestyle and prevent tobacco use.

DEFINITION:

For the purpose of this policy, "tobacco product" is defined to include any product that contains tobacco, is derived from tobacco, or contains nicotine (including synthetic nicotine), which is intended for human consumption, or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, vaporized, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. The term "tobacco products" includes e-cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), and other electronic smoking devices, regardless whether it contains nicotine, (including JUUL's, NJOY, Puff Bar, etc.), but does not include any cessation product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use as a medical treatment to reduce and eliminate nicotine or tobacco dependence.

TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED:

No visitor or volunteer is permitted to use tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) at any time, including non-school hours, on all school grounds including in any building or facility, athletic grounds, parking lots or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by Gallipolis City School District.

In addition, visitors are encouraged to refrain from using tobacco products at school-related events off campus.

TOBACCO PROMOTION PROHIBITED:

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored publications, and at all school-sponsored events. Tobacco promotional items that promote the use of tobacco products, including clothing, bags, lighters, and other personal articles are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored events.

PROVIDING NOTICE:

"No Tobacco" signs will be posted throughout the district at entrances and other appropriate locations on all academic buildings, administrative spaces, school grounds, and athletic fields. Students will be provided notice of this policy through student handbooks and district

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ENFORCEMENT:

Explicit enforcement actions should be outlined in the written tobacco-policy. It is imperative that a 100% Tobacco-Free Schools policy be enforced, for students, staff and visitors, through tiered disciplinary measures ranging from verbal and written warnings to more severe consequences.

EDUCATIONAL REINFORCEMENT:

Parents will be notified of the policy and the reasons supporting the policy through multiple places, which can include new school year kick off communications, parent website, etc. Reinforcement for visitors/vendors will include signage, as well as announcements at events, inclusion in programs and other mechanisms. (See Solutions to Compliance and Appendices D and E for educational reinforcement ideas for parents, , visitors and vendors to include in your policy.)

TOBACCO EDUCATION PROGRAM RESOURCES:

To search for educational materials and local tobacco cessation programs, visit www.odh.ohio.gov/tobacco

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LEGAL REFS.: The Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.
Goals 2000: Educate America Act; 20 USC 6081 through 6084
Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. § 6081 et seq (1994).

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CROSS REFS.: GBK, Tobacco Use on District Property by Staff Members
 JFCG, Tobacco Use by Students
 KGB, Public Conduct on District Property

