

TOBACCO/SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

Recognizing that the use of tobacco products, tobacco substitutes, smoking and electronic smoking devices, pose safety and health hazards, the Indian River School District prohibits the use of these products by all persons within all buildings, facilities, and on school grounds.

Definitions:

Tobacco Product: A tobacco product is defined as any product made from or derived from tobacco or that nicotine, including: cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, hookah tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, or smokeless tobacco and is intended for human consumption by any means including smoking, heating, chewing, absorbing, dissolving, inhaling, or ingesting. Components or accessories used in consuming tobacco products, including filters, rolling papers, and pipes, are prohibited.

Smoking: Smoking is defined as the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco; or the use of an Electronic Smoking Device, which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or any form.

Electronic Smoking Device: An electronic smoking device is defined as any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other similar substance intended for human consumption that a person can use to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, or vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.

Tobacco substitutes: Tobacco substitute is defined as an electronic smoking device employing a mechanical heating element, battery, or circuit to produce aerosol or vapor for inhalation into an individual's body. A liquid used in an electronic smoking device includes liquids that contain nicotine and liquids that do not contain nicotine.

I. GENERAL

The Indian River School District recognizes its position as an educational institution charged with promoting the health, safety, and welfare of its students, and staff. The US Department of Health and Human Services and numerous studies have recognized smoking, the use of tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices as health hazards. It has also been shown that the use of tobacco products, smoking, and electronic smoking devices are harmful to the user and those in the same area. Our district health curriculum teaches that the use of tobacco products, smoking, and electronic cigarettes are dangerous anti-health activities. Further, the district's disciplinary policy prohibits students from smoking, and having in their possession tobacco products, electronic smoking devices or tobacco substitutes and imposes sanctions for violations.

II. SCOPE OF POLICY

To promote an environment free of tobacco, smoking, and electronic smoking devices, employees, students, and visitors are prohibited from using or distributing such products in school buildings, on school grounds, in school-leased or owned vehicles, and at all school affiliated functions.

- A. This tobacco-free, smoke free, and electronic smoking device free environment policy shall apply to:
 - 1. Any building, property, or vehicle leased, owned or operated by the school district, or assigned contractor.
 - a. School bus operators under contract shall be considered staff for the purpose of this policy.
 - 2. Any private building or other property including automobiles, or other vehicles used for school activities when students and staff are present due to the dangers of second-hand smoke.
 - 3. Any non-educational groups utilizing school buildings or other educational assets.
 - 4. Any individuals or a volunteer who supervises students off school grounds.
- B. No school or school district property may be used to advertise any tobacco product, tobacco substitute or electronic smoking device.

III. Enforcement

- A. Any student violating the provisions of this policy shall be subject to consequences noted in the IRSD Student Code of Conduct/Penalties.
- B. It will be the responsibility of all Indian River School District personnel to be aware of the policy, adhere to it, and to assist in its enforcement.

IV. Communication

This policy will be communicated to all staff, students, visitors, and the community at large, by clearly posted signs at all building and facility entrances. Students and staff will be informed by building notification and by way of the student handbook/calendars.

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