ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOLS
Independent School District No. 623

Policy 432 – Commercial Tobacco Free Environment; Possession and Use of Commercial Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to maintain learning and working environments that are commercial tobacco free.

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In accordance with the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act and MN Statute 144.417, Roseville Area Schools shall be commercial tobacco-free in district buildings, vehicles, and grounds for students, staff, and visitors. This includes all school district property and all off-campus events sponsored by the district.

2.1

"Commercial tobacco products" includes any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco, or contains nicotine, whether synthetic or natural, that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, and other kinds and forms of tobacco.

2.2

Commercial tobacco-free is defined as free of all tobacco and tobacco-related products (including electronic delivery devices) whether intended to be smoked, absorbed, chewed, inhaled, or otherwise ingested.

2.3

Students, staff, administrators or other school personnel will not solicit or accept any contributions, gifts of money, curricula, materials, or equipment from companies that directly manufacture or are identified with tobacco products, devices, or electronic delivery devices. This includes but is not limited to donations, monies for scholarships, equipment, uniforms, and sports and/or training facilities.

2.4

Students, staff, administrators or other school personnel will not participate in the promotion of these products via gear, technology accessories, bags, clothing, any personal articles, signs, structures, vehicles, flyers or any other material. The school district will not promote or allow promotion of tobacco products or electronic delivery devices on school property or at school-sponsored events.

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All individuals on school premises shall adhere to this policy.

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Any person on school property that is not a student, staff, or administrator is considered a visitor.

4.0 Violations of policy

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Action taken for student violations of this policy will be in accordance with District 623 Policy 520 – Student Discipline.

4.2 Action taken for staff violations of this policy will be consistent with requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements, Minnesota or federal law, and school district policies.

4.3 Violations by visitors, adult students, or community members will be addressed by the building administrator in accordance with M.S. 144.416 subd. 2b. Specifically, individuals in violation of the policy may be asked to leave the premises and forfeit any fee charged for admission into a school-sponsored event. Repeated violations may result in the individual being prohibited from entering school property for a specified period of time. Building or district administrators may call the local law enforcement agency to assist with enforcement of this policy.

4.4 According to M.S. 144.417 violators who refuse to comply with directives by a building administrator may be charged with a petty misdemeanor.

5.0 Exceptions

5.1 An American Indian student or staff member may use tobacco, sage, sweetgrass, and cedar to conduct individual or group smudging in a public school. The process for conducting smudging is determined by the building or site administrator. Smudging must be conducted under the direct supervision of an appropriate staff member, as determined by the building or site administrator.

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