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TOBACCO

Smoking presents a health hazard, which can have serious consequences for both the smoker and nonsmoker. District and visiting students are prohibited from smoking, chewing, using and possessing tobacco or nicotine products at school, on school property, at school-sponsored events, under the supervision of district employees, in connection with any school activity or while in transit to or from school or a school activity.

For the purpose of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include tobacco in any form and/or any nicotine delivering devices, any lighted or unlighted cigarette, smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, etc.), cigars, and electronic nicotine delivery systems, including e-cigarettes, e-liquids, vaping devices, and vaping liquids.

State and local extra-curricular activities eligibility rules may apply further conditions related to the use of tobacco products.

Students who violate this policy shall be subject to disciplinary procedures, which may result in suspension from school. School authorities shall consult with local law enforcement agencies to enforce laws that prohibit the possession or distribution of tobacco to/by minors with the immediate proximity of school grounds.

The Board may provide instruction regarding the effects of tobacco use on the human body and may take steps to discourage students from using tobacco.

Cross Reference:

Board Policy 3513.3, Tobacco-Free Schools
Board Policy 4020, Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Free Workplace

Legal References:

ALASKA STATUTES
11.76.100 Selling or Giving Tobacco to a Minor
18.35.305 Places Where Smoking is Prohibited

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