

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with law and to promote the health and safety of all students, staff, the Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education recognizes the harmful effects of smoking upon students, its obligation to teach students about the harmful effects of smoking both by instruction and by example, and its obligation to protect the rights of its nonsmoking employees. Consequently, the Board adopts the following smoking policy.

Smoking using tobacco or tobacco products will not be permitted in the buildings or on the grounds of the Regional School District No. 7 Public Schools by students or adults at any time.

Tobacco includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine delivering systems, vapor products, chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; and any other tobacco or nicotine innovations.

Electronic nicotine delivery system means an electronic device that may be used to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or other substance to a person inhaling from the device, and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or other component of such device.

Vapor product means any product that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that may or may not include nicotine, that is inhaled by the user of such product.

(cf. 1120 - Board of Education Meetings)

(cf. 1330 – Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 5131.6 – Drugs and Alcohol)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 19a-342 Smoking prohibited in certain places. Signs required. Penalties.
 21a-242 Schedules of controlled substances.
 P.A. 14-76 An Act Concerning the Governor's Recommendations
 Regarding Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Youth Smoking
 Prevention
 PL 107-110, Section 4303, "Non-smoking Policy for Children's Services"
 20 U.S.C. 7181-7184 The Pro Children Act of 2001