

SMOKE, NICOTINE AND A TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

POLICY 324



LAKES INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY
An IB World School
District #4116

I. PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

- A. A comprehensive 100% tobacco-free policy designed to ensure a safe learning and work environment.
 - 1. The Lakes International Language Academy School Board recognizes that the use of tobacco products is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, staff, visitors, and school facilities. The board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products, both to users and non-users. The board believes that the use or promotion of tobacco products on school grounds and at off-campus school-sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors.
 - 2. The Board also believes accepting tobacco industry gifts or materials will send an inconsistent message to students, staff, and visitors.
 - 3. The Board acknowledges that adult staff and visitors serve as role models for students. The Board embraces its obligation to promote positive role models in schools, and to provide an environment for learning and working that is safe, healthy, and free from unwanted smoke and tobacco use for the students, staff, and visitors. Therefore, the Board adopts the following tobacco-free policy.

II. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- A. "Electronic cigarette" means any oral device that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine, lobelia, and/or other substance, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term shall include any such devices, whether they are manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, or under any other product name or descriptor.
- B. "Nicotine delivery product" means any product containing or derived from nicotine, whether natural or synthetic, that is intended for human consumption, including but not limited to nicotine pouches, gums (not approved for cessation), and heated tobacco products.
- C. "Off-campus, school-sponsored event" means any event sponsored by the school that is not on school property, including but not limited to, sporting events, day camps, field trips, entertainment seminars, dances or theatrical productions.
- D. "School property" means all facilities and property, including land, whether owned, rented, or leased by Lakes International Language Academy, and all vehicles owned, leased, rented, contracted for, or controlled by Lakes International Language Academy used for transporting students, staff, or visitors.
- E. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an e-cigarette that creates a vapor, in any manner or

in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking.

- F. “Tobacco industry” means manufacturers, distributors or wholesalers of tobacco products. This includes parent companies and subsidiaries.
- G. “Tobacco industry brand” means any corporate name, trademark, logo, symbol, motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of colors, or any other indication of product identification identical or similar to those used for any brand of tobacco product, company, or manufacturer of tobacco products.

III. General Statement of the Policy

- A. It shall be a violation of this policy for any student, staff, administrator, or visitor of Lakes International Language Academy to possess, use, consume, display or sell any tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, lighters, nicotine-delivery products or electronic cigarettes at any time on school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events.
- B. It shall be a violation of this policy for any student, staff, administrator, or visitor of Lakes International Language Academy to use, consume, display or sell any tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, lighters, nicotine-delivery products or electronic cigarettes at any time on school property.
- C. It shall be a violation of the policy for any student, staff, administrator, or visitor of the school to use, consume, display, or sell any tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, lighters, nicotine-delivery products or electronic cigarettes at any off-campus, school-sponsored events.
- D. It shall be a violation of this policy for any person to promote, or for the School to promote or allow promotion of tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, nicotine-delivery products or e-cigarettes on the school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events. This includes promotion of these products via gear, bags, clothing, any personal articles, signs, structures, vehicles, flyers or any other materials.
- E. Lakes International Language Academy shall act to enforce this policy and to take appropriate action against any student, staff, administrator, or visitor who is found to have violated this policy.
- F. Instruction to discourage the use of tobacco shall be included in the education provided for all students. Staff responsible for teaching tobacco-use prevention shall have adequate training and participate in ongoing professional development activities to effectively deliver the education program as planned.

IV. EXCEPTIONS

- A. It shall not be a violation of this policy for an adult Native American to use tobacco as part of a traditional Native American spiritual or cultural ceremony. A Native American is a person who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe. Minn. Stat. § 144.4165
- B. It shall not be a violation of this policy for tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, lighters, nicotine-delivery products or electronic cigarettes to be included in instructional or work-related activities in Lakes International Language Academy school

buildings if the activity is conducted by a staff member or an approved visitor and the activity does not include smoking, vaping, chewing, absorption or otherwise ingesting the product.

- C. It shall not be a violation of this policy to use a product that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product, as a tobacco dependence product, or for other medical purposes, and is being marketed and sold solely for such an approved purpose.

V. ENFORCEMENT

- A. Enforcement of this policy will be decided by Administration on a case by case basis. Violation of the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, by smoking in a designated non-smoking area, is a petty misdemeanor and a court injunction can be instituted against a repeated violator.

REVISION HISTORY

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