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TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS

The School Board recognizes its responsibility to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and others on district property and at school-sponsored activities. Ample research has demonstrated the health hazards associated with the use of tobacco products, include smoking and the breathing of second-hand smoke. As role models, district employees should demonstrate conduct that is consistent with school programs and to discourage students from using tobacco products.

For the purposes of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include tobacco in any form and/or any nicotine delivering devices, including 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. This does not include FDA approved nicotine replacement therapy products for the purpose of cessation.

In accordance with law and to promote the health and safety of all students and staff, it is the intent of the Board to establish a tobacco-free environment. Consequently, it is a violation for students, staff, visitors, contractors and all others to use, distribute or sell tobacco, including any smoking device, on district premises, at school-sponsored activities on or off district premises and in district-owned, rented or leased vehicles.

Staff and/or all others authorized to use district vehicles to transport district students to school sponsored activities are prohibited from using tobacco in those vehicles.

This policy shall be in effect and enforceable at all times regardless of whether or not school is in session. The Superintendent or designee shall post appropriate signs prohibiting tobacco use in accordance with law.

The Superintendent may develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this policy, including provisions for notification of the district's policy, through such means as student/parent and staff handbooks, newsletters, inclusion on school event programs; disciplinary consequences; and procedures for filing and handling complaints about violations of the district's policy.

The Superintendent or Site Adminstrators may consult with local officials to promote enforcement of law that prohibits the possession of tobacco by minors on or off school grounds.

Reference:
Board Policy 4020, Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Free Workplace
Board Policy 5131.62, Tobacco

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