

REVISED POLICY - VOL. 26, NO. 2

USE OF TOBACCO BY PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The Board recognizes that the use of tobacco presents a health hazard that can have serious consequences both for the user and the nonuser and is, therefore, of concern to the Board.

For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including a cigar, cigarette, pipe, snuff, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco, as well as electronic, "vapor," or other substitute forms of cigarettes.

In order to protect students and staff who choose not to use tobacco from an environment noxious to them, and because the Board cannot, even by indirection, condone the use of tobacco, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco by professional staff members at all times within any facility owned or leased or contracted for by the Board.

[NOTE: Please choose one of the following two options]

[OPTION 1]

- ~~[] Such prohibition also applies~~
- ~~(+) on school grounds~~
 - ~~(+) in all vehicles owned or operated by the Board, including, but not limited to, school buses, special purpose buses, vans, trucks, and cars~~
 - ~~(+) at any school-related event~~
 - ~~(+) except at designated times~~
 - ~~(+) and in designated areas.~~

[END OPTION 1]

[OPTION 2]

- [x] The Board also prohibits the use of tobacco anywhere on the campus of any facility owned or leased or contracted for by the Board, including, but not limited to, practice fields, playgrounds, football fields, baseball fields, softball fields, pool areas, soccer fields, tennis courts, and all open areas and will remain in effect at all times. Furthermore, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco in all vehicles owned or operated by the Board, including, but not limited to, school buses, special purpose buses, vans, trucks, and cars.

[END OPTION 2]

[END OF OPTIONS]

The Superintendent and building principals shall ask an individual who is smoking in violation of this policy to refrain from smoking and cause to be removed from Corporation property an individual who is smoking in violation of this policy and fails to refrain from smoking after being asked to refrain from smoking.

- [x] The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines requiring the use of evidenced-based resources by staff who teach about the health hazards inherent in the use of tobacco products as part of the Corporation's curriculum and who provide counseling to students regarding smoking cessation.
- [x] The Superintendent's administrative guidelines shall include a comprehensive plan to communicate the prohibitions set forth in this policy regarding the use of tobacco, as defined herein, by students, staff, parents, vendors and any other individuals in the Corporation's schools, offices, and/or other Corporation facilities, as well as on the grounds of the schools, offices, and other Corporation facilities. The plan shall also communicate the prohibitions set forth in this policy regarding the use of tobacco as defined herein by those who drive, or are passengers in, Corporation vehicles of any type.

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20 U.S.C. 6081 et seq., 20 U.S.C. 7182