

Tobacco-Free Schools

The Board believes that tobacco smoke in the school and work environment is not conducive to good health. As an educational organization, the district should provide both effective educational programs and a positive example to students concerning the use of tobacco.

In order to promote the general health, welfare and well-being of students and staff, smoking, chewing or any other use of any tobacco products by staff, students and members of the public shall be banned from all school property.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "School property" shall mean all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by a school including but not limited to the following.
 - a. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage. The term shall not apply to buildings used primarily as residences, i.e., teacherages.
 - b. All school grounds over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas.
 - c. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" shall include cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both. "Tobacco" shall include cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "Use" shall mean lighting, chewing, inhaling or smoking any tobacco product.

Signs shall be posted in prominent places on all school property to notify the public that smoking or other use of tobacco products is prohibited in accordance with state law and Board policy. A summary of this policy will be published in all employee and student handbooks.

Any member of the general public considered by the superintendent or designee to be in violation of this policy shall be instructed to leave school district property. Students or employees found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. 6083 (Federal law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility used to provide educational services to children.)
C.R.S. 18-13-121
C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(bb)
C.R.S. 25-14-103.5
6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 5-306

CROSS REF.: JICG, Use of Tobacco by Students