

## Tobacco-Free Schools

Mapleton Public Schools (the “District”) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff. To promote the general health, welfare, and well-being of students and staff, smoking, chewing, or any other use of any tobacco product is prohibited on all District property. Possession of any tobacco product by students is also prohibited.

Signs will be posted in prominent places on all District property to notify the public that smoking or other use of tobacco products is prohibited in accordance with State law and District policy. This policy will be published in all employee and student handbooks, posted on bulletin boards, and announced in staff meetings.

Any member of the general public observed to be in violation of this policy will be asked to comply or will be instructed to leave District property. Employees found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Disciplinary measures for students who violate this policy may include in-school detention, revocation of privileges, and/or exclusion from extracurricular activities. Repeated violations may result in suspension from school. In accordance with State law, no student will be expelled solely for tobacco use.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- (1) “School property” or “school district property” means all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used or contracted for by a school or the District including but not limited to:
  - (a) Indoor facilities and interior portions of any building or other structure used for students or children under the age of 21 for instruction, educational or library services, routine healthcare, daycare, or early childhood development services, as well as for administration, support services, maintenance, or storage;
  - (b) School grounds over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any building, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas, and parking areas;
  - (c) Vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons; and,
  - (d) At a school sanctioned activity or event.

- (2) The terms “school property” or “school district property” do not apply to buildings used primarily as residences.
- (3) “Tobacco product” means:
- (a) Any product that contains nicotine or tobacco or is derived from tobacco and is intended to be ingested or inhaled by or applied to the skin of an individual, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, or liquid nicotine/e-liquids; and,
  - (b) Any electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, or pipe.
- (4) “Tobacco product” does not include any product that has been approved by the appropriate federal agency as a tobacco use cessation product.
- (5) “Use” means lighting, chewing, smoking, ingesting, inhaling, vaping, or application of any tobacco product.

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**LEGAL REFERENCES:**

20 U.S.C. §§ 7971 *et seq.* (*prohibits smoking in any indoor facility used to provide educational services to children*)

C.R.S. § 18-13-121 (*furnishing tobacco products to persons under 21 years old*)

C.R.S. § 22-32-109(1)(bb) (*policy required prohibiting use of tobacco products on school grounds*)

C.R.S. § 22-32-109.1(2)(a)(I)(H) (*Tobacco-Free Schools policy required as part of the District’s safe schools plan*)

C.R.S. § 25-14-103.5 (*tobacco use is prohibited on school property*)

C.R.S. § 25-14-301 (*Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Act*)

**CROSS REFERENCES:**

IHAMA: Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco

KFA: Public Conduct on School Property