COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices

The Pullman School District Board of Directors recognizes that to protect students from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine, employees and officers of the school district, and all members of the community, have an obligation as role models to refrain from use of tobacco products and delivery devices on school property at all times. Tobacco products and delivery devices include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices, and vapor products, non-prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivery devices or chemicals that are not FDA-approved to help people quit using tobacco, devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances and any other smoking equipment, device, material or innovation.

Any use of such products and delivery devices by staff, students, visitors and community members will be prohibited on all school district property, including all district buildings, grounds and district-owned vehicles, and within five hundred feet of schools. Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to any person under twenty-one years of age is prohibited.

The use of Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine replacement therapy in the form of a nicotine patch, gum or lozenge is permitted. However, students and employees must follow applicable policies regarding use of medication at school.

Notices advising students, district employees and community members of this policy will be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the superintendent and will be included in the employee and student handbooks. Employees and students are subject to discipline for violations of this policy, and school district employees are responsible for the enforcement of the policy.

Cross References:
Board Policy, 3200/P  
Board Policy, 3241/P  
Board Policy, 3416/P  
Board Policy, 5201  
Board Policy, 5280
Student Rights and Responsibilities  
Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishments  
Medication at School  
Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace  
Termination of Employment

Legal References:
RCW 28A.210.310  
RCW 70.155.080  
RCW 28A.210.260  
RCW 28A.210.270  
Chapter 70.155, RCW
Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property  
Purchasing, obtaining or possessing tobacco by Minors — Civil infraction  
Public and private schools – Administration of medication – Conditions.  
Public and private schools-Administration of Medication-Immunity from liability-Discontinuance, procedure.  
Tobacco – Access to Minors

Management Resources:
Policy and Legal News, February 2014  
Policy News, December 2010  
Policy News, October 2010  
Policy News, October 2019
Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Substances policy updated to address vapor devices  
Addressing the Use of “Electronic” Cigarettes  
Electronic Cigarettes  
Regulations of Dangerous Weapons on District Property

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