

Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices

The 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 includes, but are not limited to cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and 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 product and delivery devices by staff, students, visitors and community members shall be prohibited on all school district property, including all district buildings, grounds and district-owned vehicles. 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 shall be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the superintendent and shall 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:

- 3200 - Rights and Responsibilities
- 3241 - Student Discipline
- 3416 - Medication at School
- 5201 - Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace
- 5280 - Separation from Employment

Legal References:

- RCW 28A.210.260, Public and private schools - Administration of medication - Conditions
- RCW 28A.210.310, Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property
- RCW 28A.210.270, Public and private schools - Administration of Medication - Immunity from liability - Discontinuance, procedure
- Chapter 70.155 RCW, Tobacco - Access to Minors

Management Resources:

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