

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 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 delivering 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 shall be prohibited on all school district property, including all district building, grounds, and district-owned vehicles, and within five hundred feet of schools. Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to minors 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:	Board Policy 3200	Rights and Responsibilities
	Board Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Discipline, and Corrective Actions
	Board Policy 5280	Separation from Employment
	Board Policy 5201	Drug-Free Schools, Community, and Workplace
	Board Policy 3416	Medication at School

Legal References:	RCW 28A.210.270	Public and private schools-Administration of medication-Immunity from liability- Discontinuance, procedure
	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 70.155	Tobacco – Access to Minors

1 Management Resources: 2016 – July issue
2 Policy News, February 2014
3 Policy News, December 2010
4 *Policy News*, October 2010
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