

Tobacco-Free Environment

The Board of Education believes that each employee, school visitor and student should have the opportunity for full participation in employment, district activities and instruction in a tobacco-free environment.

The Board also recognizes that the *Tobacco Control Act, 2007* prohibits smoking, holding lighted tobacco or other tobacco use in or on school property except for the purposes outlined in *Section 2.2(3) of that Act*.

- All school property, including all property owned or leased by or operated under the authority of the Board and including district owned or leased vehicles will be designated as smoke and tobacco-free.
- Every person, including any students, parents, visitors and staff, is prohibited from smoking, using tobacco of any kind, holding lighted tobacco or selling, offering to sell or distribute tobacco in or on school property.
- Smoking is prohibited in any private vehicle used to transport students, while students are in or around the vehicle.
- Smoking and the use of other tobacco products is prohibited at school/district sponsored events off school property.
- Advertising, displaying or promoting the use of tobacco or tobacco products is prohibited in school district buildings or on school district grounds and vehicles.
- Instruction regarding the hazards of smoking and the use of tobacco products will continue to be an integral part of education programs at school.

The school district will post sufficient and appropriate signage to inform students, staff, parents and other visitors of the Tobacco-Free Environment administrative procedure.

Schools will inform parents, students, employees and the community of this policy (i.e. through newsletters, student agenda books, websites and school websites).

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Legal Reference: Tobacco Control Act, 2007