

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS

RATIONALE:

The Board of Education has a duty to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students and staff. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products, both to the users and non-users, and that most tobacco use begins by the age of eighteen. The Board recognizes that district personnel and school visitors serve as role models to students and, therefore, adopts this 100% Tobacco-Free School Policy to endorse a healthy lifestyle and prevent tobacco use.

DEFINITION:

For the purpose of this policy “tobacco” is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking products; both spit and spitless tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, snus and snuff, in any form; and any alternative nicotine products, including electronic, vapor, or other substitute forms of cigarettes, cigarillos, cigars, or pipes.

TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED:

No student, staff member, volunteer, or school visitor is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip, chew or use tobacco or any alternative nicotine product at any time, including non-school hours:

- In any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, rented, or chartered by the (school district); or
- On school grounds, athletic grounds, or parking lots.

No student, staff member, or volunteer is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip, chew or use tobacco at any time, including non-school hours, at any school-sponsored event off campus.

Additionally, no student is permitted to possess cigarettes, other tobacco or alternative nicotine products, papers used to roll cigarettes, lighters or other paraphernalia at any time.

TOBACCO PROMOTION PROHIBITED:

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored publications and at all school-sponsored events. Tobacco promotional items that promote the use of tobacco products, including clothing, bags, lighters and other personal articles, are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored events.

Suggested language of the Ohio Department of Health's Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program.

LEGAL REF: OR.C. §3313.751

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