

SMOKE FREE SCHOOLS

The Board of Education recognizes that use of tobacco presents a health hazard which can have serious consequences both for the user and the nonuser and is, therefore, of concern to the Board.

For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, in the mouth to derive the effects of tobacco, as well as all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, any other matter or substances that contain tobacco, in addition to papers used to roll cigarettes and/or the smoking of alternative nicotine products such as electronic, "vapor," or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes and any other lighted smoking devices for burning tobacco or any other substance. "Smoking" shall mean inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other lighted smoking device for burning tobacco or any other plant, including clove cigarettes, and alternative nicotine products.

In order to protect students and staff who choose not to use tobacco from an environment noxious to them, and because the Board cannot, even indirectly, condone the use of tobacco, at all times, the Board prohibits all persons from smoking and the use of tobacco in any enclosed area owned or leased or contracted for by the Board, and in the areas directly or indirectly under the control of the Board immediately adjacent to locations of ingress or egress to such facilities including classrooms, storage areas, restrooms, stairways, or vehicles, on all school grounds, including sports fields, or at any school-sponsored activity.

This prohibition against smoking and the use of tobacco is endorsed by the Ohio Department of Health and policies of the Board of Education.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §§3794.06, 3791.031, 3313.47, 3313.20.

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