

100% TOBACCO FREE POLICY

DEFINITION:

For the purpose of this policy, “tobacco product” is defined to include any product that contains tobacco, is derived from tobacco, or contains nicotine, which is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, vaporized, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. The term “tobacco products” includes e-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices, but does not include any cessation product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use as a medical treatment to reduce and eliminate nicotine or tobacco dependence.

“Smoke” means to burn any substance containing tobacco, including a lighted cigarette, cigar, or pipe, or to burn a clove cigarette.

“Use of tobacco” shall mean all uses of tobacco or any other plant, including chewing or maintaining any substance containing tobacco, including smokeless tobacco in the mouth; or using or possessing any other matter or substances that contain tobacco.

TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED:

No student, faculty member, staff member, visitor, or volunteer is permitted to smoke, use, or possess tobacco products (including e-cigarettes), or any substance containing tobacco, at any time, including non-school hours, on all school grounds, including in any building or facility, athletic grounds, parking lots, or vehicle owned, leased, rented, chartered, or under the control or supervision of the District.

No student, faculty member, staff member, or volunteer is permitted to smoke, use, or possess tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) at any school-sponsored event, whether such event occurs on campus or off campus. Visitors are encouraged to refrain from using tobacco products at school-related events off campus.

No student is permitted to possess tobacco products (including e-cigarettes), 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.

PROVIDING NOTICE:

“No Tobacco” signs will be posted throughout the District, at entrances and other appropriate locations on all academic buildings, administrative spaces, school grounds, and athletic fields. Students will be provided notice of this policy through student handbooks, and District personnel will be provided notice of this policy through personnel handbooks. District vehicles will display the international “No Smoking” insignia. Announcements will be made during home athletic events both before the event and during intermission, as well as at all school functions where deemed appropriate. School programs will include a written reminder of the tobacco-free policy.

ENFORCEMENT:

Violation of this policy may result in discipline pursuant to the Code of Student Conduct, Board Policy, and/or the relevant collective bargaining agreement, as applicable, and may subject a visitor in violation of the policy to removal from Board property.

LEGAL REF: O.R.C. §3313.751

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