

USE OF TOBACCO

Comprehensive tobacco-free policies have been proven to reduce tobacco use, increase quitting and, most importantly in K-12 schools, they have been proven to reduce initiation of smoking. This policy is critical to model behavior which discourages youth from initiating smoking in schools and throughout communities. It has been agreed upon by the State of Ohio and other local and state agencies that comprehensive 100% Tobacco-Free K-12 School Policies are essential in protecting young people from the harmful effects of smoking and secondhand smoke.

This policy shall be in effect at all times, 24/7/365.

Educational reinforcement of this policy shall be provided in district health classes and other programming provided by the Community Intervention Coordinator.

Communication of this policy shall be via student handbooks and signage at district facilities.

No student shall smoke or use tobacco, or possess any substance containing tobacco, or any alternative nicotine product, including electronic, vapor, or other substitute forms of cigarettes, or any tobacco or nicotine cessation product in any area under the control of the Board of Education or at any activity supervised by any school operated by the Board.

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.

Violation of this policy may result in discipline pursuant to the Code of Student Conduct.

LEGAL REF: O.R.C. §3313.751

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