

Tobacco-Free Schools

Tobacco smoke in the school and work environment is not conducive to good health. As an educational organization, a school district should provide both effective educational programs and a positive example to students concerning the use of tobacco.

In order to promote the general health, welfare and well being of students and staff, smoking, chewing or any other use of any tobacco products by staff, students and members of the public is banned from all school property.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

1. "School property" means all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by a school including but not limited to the following:
 - a. all interior portions of any building or other structures used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance and storage. The term does not apply to buildings used primarily as residences, i.e., teacherages;
 - b. all school grounds over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any building, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas;
 - c. all vehicles owned by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" includes cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both. "Tobacco" includes cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "Use" means lighting, chewing, inhaling or smoking any tobacco product.

Signs will be posted in prominent places on all school properties to notify the public that smoking or other use of tobacco products is prohibited in accordance with state law and district policy. This policy will be published in all employee and student handbooks, posted on bulletin boards and announced in staff meetings.

Any member of the general public considered by the superintendent or designee to be in violation of this policy will be instructed to leave school district property. Employees found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Disciplinary measures for students who violate this policy will include in-house detention, revocation of privileges and exclusion from extracurricular activities. Repeated violations may result in suspension from school. In accordance with state law, no student will be expelled solely for tobacco use.

Exemptions

Pursuant to state law no exemption shall be granted pursuant to this policy. Any previously granted exemption shall be invalid after July 1, 1999.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. §6083 (Federal law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility used to provide educational services to children.)
C.R.S. 18-13-121
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1) (bb)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(VII) (policy required as part of safe schools plan.)
C.R.S. 25-14-103.5
6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 5-306

CROSS REFS.: GBED, Tobacco-Free Workplace
IHAMA, Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
JICG, Use of Tobacco by Students
KFA, Public Conduct on School Property