

Policy AEA: TOBACCO AND VAPING FREE SCHOOLS

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The District recognizes its duty to promote the health and safety of students, staff and citizens on district property and during school-sponsored activities. In accordance with this responsibility, it is the intent of the School Board to establish a tobacco-free school environment that demonstrates a commitment to helping students resist tobacco use and that emphasizes the importance of adult role modeling.

The use, possession, distribution, sale or promotion of tobacco or vaping product on school property by students, employees, vendors, visitors and invitees is prohibited. Students and employees are also prohibited from using, possessing, distributing, selling or promoting tobacco or a vaping product at school-sponsored activities off school property. Students participating in school activities are also subject to such rules as may exist pursuant to an applicable activity code of conduct.

For the purposes of this policy:

1. "Tobacco" means any substance or item, in any form, containing tobacco and electronic nicotine delivery devices (e-cigarettes), which may not contain tobacco;
2. "Vaping product" includes e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, vape pen, advanced personal vaporizer, vape mod, or similar product or device that may be used in any manner for the purpose of containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance by means of inhaling vapor or aerosol from the product. The term also includes any vapor cartridge or other container that is intended to be used with or in such device;
3. "School property" means all district-owned, rented or leased buildings, grounds and vehicles;
4. "School-sponsored activity" means any planned, organized, endorsed, or supervised activity involving district students or staff that occurs either before, during or after regular school hours;
5. "Promotion" means the use or display of tobacco-related clothing, bags, lighters, or other material that is designed to encourage the acceptance or use of tobacco.

Students violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to district policy.

District employees in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Visitors, vendors and invitees in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate consequences, which may include being directed to leave school property.

The superintendent shall provide reasonable public notification of the district's policy within student and staff handbooks.