

POLICY NO. 4505
Adopted: 6-27-90
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USE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND DELIVERY DEVICES

POLICY:

The Board of Directors recognizes that to protect students from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine, employees and officers of the school district and all members of the community have an obligation as role models to refrain from use of tobacco and nicotine products and delivery devices on school property at all times. Tobacco products and delivery devices include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, liquid nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices, "vapor pens," non-prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivery devices or chemicals that are not FDA-approved to help people quit using tobacco, devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances, and any other smoking equipment, device, material, or innovation.

Any use of such products and delivery devices by staff, students, visitors, and community members will be prohibited on school district property. Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to minors is prohibited. This will include all district buildings, grounds, and district-owned vehicles.

The use of Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine replacement therapy in the form of a nicotine patch, gum, or lozenge is permitted. However, students and employees must follow applicable policies regarding use of medication at school.

Notices advising students, district employees, and community members of this policy will be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the Superintendent and will be included in the employee and student handbooks. Employees and students are subject to discipline for violations of this policy, and school district employees are responsible for the enforcement of the policy.

Legal References

RCW 28A.210.270 Public and private schools — Administration of medication — Immunity from liability — Discontinuance, procedure.

RCW 28A.210.260 Public and private schools — Administration of medication — Conditions.

RCW 28A.210.310 Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property

RCW 70.155.080 Purchasing, obtaining or possessing tobacco by persons under 18 — Civil infraction — Jurisdiction

Cross References

4510 Drug Free Workplace

5475.2 Administration of Medication

5100 Student Rights and Responsibilities

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PROCEDURES:

1. Any use of tobacco and nicotine products and delivery devices by staff, students, visitors, or community members is prohibited on school district property. Possession or distribution of tobacco and nicotine products and delivery devices by minors is prohibited. This shall include all district buildings, grounds, and district-owned vehicles.
2. Notice to district employees, students, and community members of this policy shall be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the Superintendent and shall be included in the employee and student handbooks. Employees and students are subject to discipline for violations of this policy and school district employees are responsible for the enforcement of the policy.
3. Smoking or any other use of tobacco and nicotine products and delivery devices by students is prohibited on all school district property, at other properties within reasonable proximity of the schools, and at all school district events.