

SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The School Board recognizes that smoking represents a health and safety hazard, which can have serious consequences for the smoker and nonsmoker and the safety of the district. In order to protect the students, staff, employees, visitors and guests of the district from an environment that may be harmful to them, and because of possible harm to personal well-being, the board hereby prohibits smoking by staff members, employees, visitors, or guests in all district buildings, on grounds, and in all school vehicles at all times except outside the school buildings during public events.

For the purpose of this policy, “smoking” will mean all uses of tobacco, including cigars, chewing tobacco, cigarettes, and pipes.

It is understood that this policy will be in addition to other board policies concerning the prohibition of smoking by students on school property and vehicles.

This smoking prohibition will be in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will apply to anyone present in district buildings or on district grounds except for outside the school buildings during public events.

School personnel during public events for which they are actively participating as coaches, directors, and/or advisors are prohibited from smoking or using tobacco products.

The board hereby directs the chief executive officer (CEO) / superintendent to formulate the necessary rules and procedures to ensure the enforcement and implementation of this nonsmoking policy.