



No Tobacco Use on District Property

The Board has a duty to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students and staff. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products, both to users and nonusers, and that most tobacco use begins by the age of 18. The Board recognizes that staff and school visitors serve as role models to students and, therefore, adopts this 100% tobacco-free District policy to endorse a healthy lifestyle and prevent tobacco use.

Smoking is defined by State law as inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated tobacco product or plant product intended for inhalation in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes the use of an electronic smoking device and vapor products. For the purpose of this policy, “tobacco product” is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette and any other smoking product, and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew and snuff, in any form.

Tobacco Use Prohibited

No volunteer, school visitor, student, or staff will be permitted to smoke, inhale, vape, dip or chew tobacco products at any time, including non-school hours:

1. in any building, facility or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the District or
2. on school grounds, athletic facilities or parking lots.

Tobacco Advertisements and Promotions

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored publications and at all school-sponsored events. Tobacco promotional items that promote the use of tobacco products, including clothing, bags, lighters and other personal articles, are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles or at school-sponsored events.

Providing Notice

“No Tobacco” signs will be posted throughout the District at entrances and other appropriate locations in all academic buildings, administrative spaces and athletic fields. District vehicles will display the international “No Smoking” insignia. Announcements will be made during home athletic events both before the event and during intermission, as well as at all school functions where deemed appropriate. School programs will include a written reminder of the no tobacco use on District property policy.



Enforcement

Citizens failing to comply with this policy are educated as to State law and the Board's policy on smoking. Persons refusing to extinguish smoking materials are directed to leave school property and may be fined by the Ohio Department of Health or its designees.

The following disciplinary actions may be taken against school visitors found in violation of this policy.

1st offense: verbal notification of the policy

Multiple offenses: removal from school property or, if off-campus, removal from school activity.

Student Violations of Tobacco Prohibition

Any student who possesses, uses, consumes, inhales, exhales, burns, vapes, dips, chews, or otherwise uses any tobacco product, electronic smoking device, vapor product, cigarette lighter, matches, or look-alike smoking device in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Disciplinary Measures

Students who violate this policy may be subject to one or more of the following consequences:

- verbal warning by an administrator;
- behavior contract;
- lunch detention or campus clean-up;
- placement in the Restorative Intervention Room (RIR) or other in-school suspension setting; and/or
- out-of-school suspension.

A student assigned to RIR shall complete regular classroom assignments in a supervised educational setting. Teachers shall be notified of the assignment and shall provide the student's daily assignments. The student's progress shall be monitored, and the student may be required to reflect on and address the behavior that resulted in the disciplinary action. If the student disrupts the RIR setting or refuses to complete assigned work, the parent or guardian may be contacted and the intervention may be completed at home.

If a student's conduct also constitutes a violation of law, law enforcement may be contacted, and the matter may be referred to the appropriate local authorities.

This policy shall be implemented in accordance with applicable law, including ORC 3313.751 and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3794.