
TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS - POLICY FOR STUDENTS

In order to promote a healthy school environment and the general health, welfare and well-being of students, use or possession of tobacco by students while in or on school property or at school sponsored activities is prohibited.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "School property" shall mean 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 structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage and any other structure used by a school, except that such term shall not apply to a building used primarily as a residence.
 - b. All school grounds surrounding any building specified in (1)(a) over which the school is authorized to exercise dominion and control including, but not limited to, areas surrounding any building, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas.
 - c. All vehicles used by a school for the purpose of transporting students, staff, visitors, or any other persons.
2. "Tobacco" shall include, but not be limited to, 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 ingesting in any other manner. "Tobacco" shall also include cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "Use" shall mean lighting, chewing, inhaling, smoking or otherwise ingesting any tobacco product.

Signs shall be posted in prominent places on all school property to notify the public that use of tobacco is prohibited in accordance with state law and Board policy.

Students who violate this policy shall be disciplined. Disciplinary measures may 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 shall be expelled solely for tobacco use.

Exemptions

No exemption previously granted pursuant to this policy shall be valid on or after July 1, 1999.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. § 6083
C.R.S. 18-13-121
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(bb)
C.R.S. 25-14-103.5
6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 5-306

CROSS REFS.: IHAMA, Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
JKD/JKE, Student Suspension/Expulsion/Denial of Admissions
JK, Student Discipline