Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices

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 products and delivery devices on school property at all times. Tobacco products and delivery devices includes, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, 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.

Cross References:  Board Policy 3200  Student Rights and Responsibilities  
Board Policy 3241  Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishments  
Board Policy 3416  Medication at School  
Board Policy 5201  Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace  
Board Policy 5280  Termination of Employment  

Legal References:  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  
RCW 28A.210.260  Public and private schools – Administration of medication – Conditions.  
RCW 28A.210.270  Public and private schools- Administration of Medication- Immunity from liability- Discontinuance, procedure.
Management Resources:

- *Policy & Legal News, Feb. 2014*  
  Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Substances policy updated to address vapor devices

- *Policy News, December 2010*  
  Addressing the Use of “Electronic” Cigarettes

- *Policy News, October 2010*  
  Electronic Cigarettes

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