



SECTION II: COMMUNITY RELATIONS POLICY 2170

SMOKING, VAPING AND THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The health of students and employees is important to the District. This policy is intended to promote healthy schools and workplaces and to stress good health practices by eliminating the use of all types of tobacco and tobacco products, as well as products/devices that mimic tobacco or tobacco use, including, but not limited to, all vapor products and marijuana from all School District property.

For the purposes of this policy, the term “vapor product” shall have the same meaning as provided in the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco Act.

Smoking, vaping, or possessing marijuana (as defined in Board of Education Policy, *Medical Marijuana, Hemp & Cannabidiol (CBD)* on District property is strictly prohibited. Refer to the District’s policy on *Medical Marijuana, Hemp & Cannabidiol (CBD)* for further information.

The use (or possession by minors under age 18) of tobacco and tobacco products (including all forms of smokeless tobacco such as chewing tobacco or snuff), products that mimic tobacco such as herbal snuff, as well as the use of all vapor products such as e-cigarettes and vapor solutions, or similar products and devices is prohibited in all of the District’s facilities and on its property 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. This prohibition includes but is not limited to the inside and outside of school buildings, District support facilities (such as maintenance, warehouse, Education Service Center, and the like) classrooms, corridors, restrooms, locker rooms, work areas, cafeterias, offices, faculty lounges, gymnasiums, stadiums, parking lots, athletic fields, performing arts facilities, and all vehicles owned, leased, or operated by the District. The use of tobacco, tobacco products and vapor products inside any vehicle while on school property is prohibited by this policy.

District employees and students will not be permitted to use tobacco, tobacco products, vapor products, or other tobacco-type products and devices as noted above, while they are participants in any class or activity in which they represent the District. This policy also affects employees of agencies and vendors working with the District, students, and/or employees of the District as well as spectators at contests, activities, sports events, games, and all others who are visitors or otherwise authorized to be on District property, including patrons and parents/guardians of students.

Appropriate publications and public announcement signs that publicize this prohibition will be provided throughout the District.

Complaints about violations of this policy shall be directed to the building principal or department director. Any student using, possessing or distributing tobacco products or vapor products in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures, including out-of-school suspension, pursuant to the board’s policies regarding student discipline.

The district will refer employees, parents/guardians, family members, and students (13 and older) interested in quitting tobacco use to the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline and other available cessation resources.

Legal Basis: The Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Section 1041 of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, P.L. 103-227, 20 USC 6081); modified March 13, 2006. Title 21 O.S. §1242; Title 37 O.S. §600.2



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