TOBACCO AND NICOTINE USE BY STUDENTS

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. Therefore, the Board adopts this 100% tobacco-free District policy to endorse a healthy lifestyle and prevent tobacco use.

For the purpose of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, e-cigarette, alternative nicotine products, vapor pen and any other smoking product and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless dip, chew and snuff, in any form.

Tobacco Use Prohibited

No student is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip or chew tobacco 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.

No student is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip or chew tobacco at any time, including non-school hours, at any school-sponsored event off campus.

Additionally, no student is permitted to possess cigarettes, other tobacco products, any lighted or unlighted cigarette, e-cigarette, alternative nicotine products, vapor pen, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette and any other smoking product and spit tobacco also known as smokeless dip, chew and snuff in any form, papers used to roll cigarettes, lighters or other paraphernalia at any time.

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. Students are provided notice of this policy through student handbooks. 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.

Students and parents are given copies of the standards of conduct and statement of disciplinary sanctions, and notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory.

Enforcement

Disciplinary measures taken against students for violations of this policy comply with the requirements of Federal and State law and related District policies and regulations. Specific measures are outlined in the student code of conduct.

Note: Disciplinary measures listed below are to serve as a model. They may need to be adjusted in order to comply with current school policies and employment contracts; however, it is imperative that a 100% tobacco-free District policy is enforced through disciplinary measures. Alternative measures to consider include detentions, Saturday school, community service projects and tobacco cessation programs.

The following disciplinary actions shall be taken against students found in violation of this policy:

1st offense:	completion of a tobacco education program
2nd offense:	three-day in-school suspension
3rd offense:	five-day in-school suspension recommendation for expulsion

Educational Reinforcement

Tobacco use prevention education is closely coordinated with the other components of the school health program. Staff responsible for teaching tobacco use prevention education have adequate pre-service training and participate in ongoing professional development activities to effectively deliver the education program. Preparation and professional development activities provide basic knowledge about the effects of tobacco use and effects of peer pressure on tobacco use combined with skill practice in effective instructional techniques and strategies and program-specific activities.

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LEGAL REFS.: The Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.
Goals 2000: Educate America Act; 20 USC 6081 through 6084
ORC 3313.66; 3313.661; 3313.751
3794.01; 3794.02; 3794.03(F); 3794.04; 3794.06
OAC 3301-35-02; 3301-35-04

CROSS REFS.: JFA, Student Due Process Rights
JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)
JGD, Student Suspension
JGE, Student Expulsion
Student Handbooks