

**Policy GBECA/JFCHA: Electronic Cigarettes and Policy KGC: Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Use on School Premises have been incorporated into this policy.*

**TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS
TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND NICOTINE VAPOR PRODUCTS**

I. Associated Regulation: GBEC-R/JFCH-R/KGC-R: Tobacco and Nicotine Vapor Products Regulations

II. Generally

Alexandria City Public Schools is committed to providing a school environment that enhances learning through the development of lifelong wellness practices. In addition, the health, comfort and learning environment of students and staff are important aspects of ACPS' mission to ensure success by inspiring students and addressing barriers to learning.

Therefore, in accordance with Va. Code § 22.1-279.6, students may not possess, use or distribute any tobacco product or nicotine vapor product on a school bus, on school property, or at an on-site or off-site school sponsored activity.

All other persons may not use or distribute any tobacco product or nicotine vapor product on a school bus, on school property, or at an on-site or off-site school-sponsored activity, in accordance with Va. Code § 22.1-79.5.

Smoking, chewing, or any other use of any tobacco products by staff, students, and visitors is prohibited on school property.

For purposes of this policy:

III. Definitions

"Tobacco product" means any product made of tobacco and includes cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, pipe tobacco, bidis, and wrappings as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-371.2. "Tobacco product" does not include any nicotine vapor product, alternative nicotine product, or product that is regulated by the FDA under Chapter V (21 U.S.C. § 351 et seq.) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

"Nicotine vapor product" means any noncombustible product containing nicotine that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. "Nicotine vapor product" includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device, as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-371.2. "Nicotine vapor product" does not include any product regulated by the FDA under Chapter V (21 U.S.C. § 351 et seq.) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

“School property” ~~shall~~ means all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by a school, including but not limited to the following:

- All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance, or storage;
- Any indoor facility or portion of such facility owned or leased or contracted for and used for the provision of regular or routine health care, day care, or early childhood development (Head Start) services;
- All vehicles used by the Division for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons; and
- The grounds of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, sporting events, support services, maintenance, or storage.

H.IV. Procedures

~~Staff members and students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.~~

To preserve a safe, nondisruptive environment for effective teaching and learning, Regulation JFCH/GBEC/KGC outlines:

- Provisions for the enforcement of this policy among students, employees, and visitors, including the enumeration of possible sanctions or disciplinary actions; and
- Resources to help staff and students overcome tobacco addiction.

H.V. Notification

This policy shall be published in student and employee handbooks, posted on bulletin boards, and announced in meetings.

- ~~1. “Tobacco” includes 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 both. “Tobacco” includes cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.~~
- ~~2. “Smoking” means the carrying or holding of any lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind or any other lighted smoking equipment, or the lighting, inhaling, or exhaling of smoke from a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind.~~

~~Each principal shall post signs stating “No Smoking” or containing the international “No Smoking” symbol, consisting of pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a bar across it, clearly and conspicuously in every school’s cafeteria and other dining facility in the school.~~

Electronic Cigarettes

~~Students are prohibited from possessing electronic cigarettes on school buses, on school premises, and at school sponsored activities.~~

~~All other persons are prohibited from using electronic cigarettes on school premises and school vehicles.~~

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Legal Refs.: 20 U.S.C. §§ 6083, 7183.

~~Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 15.2-2820, 15.2-2824, 15.2-2825, 15.2-2827, 22.1-79.5; 18.2-371.2, 22.1-79.5, 22.1-279.6.~~

CLA	Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse
GBEC	Tobacco-Free School for Staff and Students
JFC	Student Conduct
JFC-R	Standards of Student Conduct
JFCF/JFCI	Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) in Schools
JFCF-R/JFCI-R	Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Abuse: Regulations
JFCH-R/GBEC-R/KGC-R	Tobacco and Nicotine Vapor Products Regulations
JHCF	Student Wellness
JHCF-R	Student Wellness Guidelines
KG	Community Use of School Facilities
KGB	Public Conduct on School Property
KGC	Tobacco Use on School Premises