

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

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:

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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. All vehicles used by the division for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
 - d. The grounds of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, sporting events, support services, maintenance, or storage.
2. “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.
3. “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.

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

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.

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

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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[15.2-2824](#), [15.2-2825](#), [15.2-2827](#) , ~~[22.1-79.5](#)~~, ~~[22.1-79.6](#)~~

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GBEC Tobacco-Free School for Staff and Students
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