

USE OF TOBACCO, NICOTINE PRODUCTS, AND DELIVERY DEVICES

The board of directors recognizes that to protect students from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine, employees, contractors, and officers of the school district, and all members of the community, have an obligation as role models to refrain from tobacco use on school property at all times. Tobacco includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices and vapor products, non-prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivering 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 all school district property, including all district buildings, grounds and district-owned vehicles, and within five hundred feet of schools. Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to any person under twenty-one years of age is prohibited.

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 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	Separation from Employment
Legal References:	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.
	RCW 28A.210.310	Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property
	RCW 70.155	Tobacco – Access to Minors

Management Resources: *Policy News*, October 2010
Policy News, December 2010
Policy News, February 2014
Policy News, July 2016
Policy News, October 2019

Electronic Cigarettes
Addressing the Use of “Electronic”
Cigarettes

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