

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS/STAFF

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the tobacco-free schools and staff.

The board believes that tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke (environmental tobacco smoke) are hazardous to the health of human beings, especially children. Therefore, the board affirms that one of the best methods of instruction is one that is provided within a 100 percent tobacco-free environment.

Goal

The goal of this policy is to provide a 100 percent tobacco-free, smoke-free environment for all students, staff, contract or other workers and visitors within all district facilities, vehicles and grounds. This includes any building, facility and vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the district. The goal applies to all school-sponsored or school-related events on or of the school grounds. The district commits to the following.

- exhibiting healthy behavior for all students, staff, contract or other workers, visitors and the entire community
- utilizing proven and effective science-based tobacco use prevention curricula
- providing access to cessation counseling or referral services for all students and staff

Procedures

- Prohibit the use and/or possession of all tobacco products or paraphernalia including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and alternative nicotine products such as e-cigarettes by all students, staff, contract or other workers and visitors.
- Ensure that tobacco use prevention programs, as recommended by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and the South Carolina Department of Education, are an integral part of district substance abuse prevention efforts.
- Provide and/or refer to cessation services for students and staff.

Enforcement

The district will enforce this policy by determining appropriate disciplinary actions for staff violating this policy such as the following.

- verbal reprimands
- written notification placed in personnel file
- suspension
- mandatory enrollment in a tobacco education program
- voluntary enrollment in a cessation program

Education and assistance

The district will be responsible for providing appropriate cessation counseling and/or referral services for staff members.

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Tobacco industry marketing or sponsorship

The district will not accept any contributions or gifts, money or materials from the tobacco industry. The district will not participate in any type of services that are funded by the tobacco industry. In addition, any gear, paraphernalia, clothing, etc., that advertises tobacco use or tobacco products will not be allowed on district grounds or in the possession of faculty, staff, contract or other workers or students at district-sponsored events.

Cf. ADC, JICG

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Legal references:

A. Federal Law:

1. Pro-Children Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C.A. Sections 7182-7184.

B. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 16-17-490 - Contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
2. Section 16-17-500 - Youth Access to Tobacco Prevention Act of 2006 (supplying minors with tobacco or alternative nicotine products).
3. Section 44-95-10, *et seq.* - Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990.
4. Section 59-67-150 - Qualifications of bus driver; drinking or smoking on bus.