

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Use Of Tobacco And Nicotine Substances

The board of directors recognizes that to protect students from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine, employees 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 and at school activities at all times. Tobacco includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, nicotine-delivering devices, chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; and any other tobacco innovation.

Any use of such products by staff, students, visitors and community members shall be prohibited on school district property and at school activities. Possession or distribution by minors is prohibited. This shall include all district buildings, grounds and district-owned vehicles.

The use of Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine replacement therapy is permitted. However, students must have a physician's prescription for the FDA approved nicotine replacement therapy and must follow applicable policies regarding use of medication by students.

Notices advising students, district employees and community members of this policy shall be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the superintendent and shall be included in the 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 Reference:	Policy 3200 Policy 5280	Student Rights and Responsibilities Termination of Employment
Legal References:	RCW 28A.210.310 RCW 70.155.080	Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property Purchasing, obtaining or possessing tobacco by minors – Civil infraction
Management Resources	<i>Policy News</i> , October 2010 <i>Policy News</i> , December 2010	Electronic Cigarettes Addressing the use of “Electronic” Cigarettes

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