

Smoking and Tobacco Use Prohibition

The Board of Education recognizes that smoking and other tobacco use represents a health and safety hazard which can have serious consequences for the smoker and the non-smoker alike, as well as for the District's buildings and grounds.

Because of the Board's concern for the well-being of students, staff, visitors and guests, as well as for District property, smoking (including electronic cigarettes, vaporizers and other nicotine delivery devices) and other tobacco use is prohibited in all District buildings and within 100 feet of the entrances, exits or boundaries of any elementary or secondary school (except in private residences and in the property comprising the private residence), on all school properties, in all school district vehicles, whether owned, rented, or leased, and at all school functions.

This prohibition will be in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will apply to everyone including students, staff, visitors, guests and/or participants in any activity sponsored by outside organizations which use school facilities.

Concurrently, in recognition of its responsibility to discourage smoking and other tobacco use by students, staff, visitors and guests, the Board will provide support, through formal programs and informal example, to assist members of the school community in becoming smoke- and tobacco-free.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to ensure the implementation and enforcement of this policy. The Superintendent is directed to ensure that "No Smoking or Tobacco Use" signs are posted in appropriate areas at each school, and that copies of this policy are posted in all District buildings, at designated outdoor locations on school premises (e.g. athletic fields) and in district vehicles.

Further, the Superintendent is authorized to appoint a person or persons in each school to be responsible for informing individuals who are found to be in violation of this policy.

Cross-ref: Code of Conduct

Ref: Education Law §409(2)
Public Health Law Article 13-E
Public Health Law §§206; 340; 347
The Pro-Children Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§7181 *et seq.*
The Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. §§6081 *et seq.*

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