

CHAPTER 2.00 - SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION

TOBACCO USE IN DISTRICT FACILITIES

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The School Board prohibits the use of any form of tobacco products including synthetic tobacco and use of electronic cigarettes on all School Board Property. Additionally, and in accord with law and other governing regulations, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco products in any form including synthetic tobacco and use of electronic cigarettes in facilities, vehicles, and areas designated for the various student programs and activities.

For the purpose of this policy, tobacco is defined as any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, etc., and any other smoking product, smokeless product or spit less tobacco and/or electronic cigarettes or devices. No student is permitted to possess any tobacco product, paper used to roll cigarettes, lighters or other paraphernalia at any time.

This policy is to prevent the use of tobacco on School Board Property in compliance with Florida Statute to provide a healthy learning environment free from exposure to carcinogens, and to endorse a healthy lifestyle.

No student, employee, volunteer, contractor or visitor is permitted to use tobacco products of any kind at any time on any property, building, facility or vehicle that is owned by the District; or at any off-campus school-sponsored event.

Notification of this policy is posted in locations on and surrounding all District property to adequately notify employees, students, parents, visitors and the public regarding this policy.

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored and school purchased publications, and at all school-sponsored events. Tobacco promotional items that promote the use of tobacco products, including but not limited to: clothing, bags, lighters and other articles are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles or at school sponsored events. Sponsorships, gifts, grants and tobacco prevention materials provided by tobacco companies or their subsidiaries are prohibited.

Tobacco prevention education shall be added, as appropriate to appropriate age/grade level, to address the social and health concerns of tobacco use. The District will consult with various agencies to provide students and employees with information and access to support services for tobacco cessation materials and programs.

All components of this policy are effective 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. This includes all days when school is not in session and at any school sponsored event off campus. This policy applies to all students, staff, faculty, volunteers and contracted vendors and school visitors.

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School Administration shall ensure that family members, volunteers or visitors who violate this policy discontinue any tobacco use immediately or leave the premises. Law enforcement may be contacted to escort persons off the premises if refusing to leave.

Enforcement of this policy will be followed for any outside groups through facility use of school building and other facilities and property.

Enforcement of this policy for students is covered in the Code of Student Conduct.

Enforcement of this policy for employees is covered in School Board Policy 6.37.

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