

USE OF FACILITIES - PROHIBITION OF TOBACCO

The Board of Education finds the warning of the Surgeon General to be compelling in regard to the dangers associated with the use of tobacco products. The Board of Education also finds it inconsistent in practice to promote a no use/no possession policy for students while concurrently permitting the use of tobacco in/on school facilities by faculty, staff and community members. Lastly, since the smoke from tobacco products cannot be self-contained, a hazardous condition does exist with regard to non-smokers being exposed to the smoke and the particulate cancer-causing matter contained therein.

In consideration of the health and safety factors associated with the use of tobacco products and the requirement that all schools adopt "tobacco-free" policies in order to continue to receive special financial aid for tobacco education programs, it shall be the policy of the Board of Education to prohibit the use of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, at all times on property or in vehicles owned, leased or rented by or from the Office of Education.

The Superintendent or designee shall properly inform all current and new employees regarding this policy and shall post written notice on all facilities and in all motor vehicles as appropriate.

Information regarding tobacco cessation support programs shall be made available in the Personnel Department.

*Legal reference:*EDUCATION CODE*48901 Prohibition against tobacco use by students*HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE*39002 Control of air pollution**104350-104495 Tobacco use prevention*LABOR CODE*6404.5 Occupational safety and health-tobacco products*U.S. CODE, TITLE 20*6083 Nonsmoking policy**7111-7117 Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act*

Policy

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