

Policy Information

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Tobacco Prohibition

Policy # 4116

Due to the health hazards associated with the use of tobacco products (defined to include but not be limited to any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, electronic cigarette, spit/spitless tobacco and any other smoking or tobacco product (such as smokeless, dip, chew, snus and/or snuff) in any form as well as any nicotine delivery system (such as hookah, vaporizer), and in accordance with Federal and State law, the Board of Education prohibits smoking or other tobacco use in all school buildings, on school property, in school vehicles and at school-sponsored activities, whether on or off school property. School grounds shall include areas within 100 feet of the entrances, exits or outdoor areas of any elementary or secondary school, but shall not include smoking in a residence or within the real property boundary lines of such residential real property.

Employees in violation of this policy may be subject to discipline in accordance with law and applicable collectively negotiated agreements.

Students in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

The District's tobacco prohibition policy shall be prominently posted in each building. The Board designates the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee as agent responsible for informing individuals who are smoking or using tobacco products, that they are in violation of Article 13-E of the Public Health Law and/or Federal Pro-Children Act of 1994.

The Board also prohibits tobacco promotional items (e.g., brand names, logos and other identifiers) on school grounds, in school vehicles, at school-sponsored events, whether on or off campus, in school publications, on school equipment, uniforms and school supplies. In addition, tobacco advertising is also prohibited in all school sponsored publications and at all school sponsored events, whether on or off campus. The District will request, whenever possible, tobacco free editions of periodical publications for school libraries and classroom use.

Policy References:

District Code of Conduct

Policy Cross References:

- » 1315 - Tobacco Prohibition
- » 5131.7 - Tobacco Prohibition

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