

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

Smoking, chewing or any other use of any tobacco products by staff and students shall be prohibited on school property as defined in this policy.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "School property" shall mean all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by a school including but not limited to the following:
 - a. All interior portions or any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage.
 - b. All vehicles used by the division for transporting students, staff, visitors, or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" shall include cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both. "Tobacco" shall include cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "Use" shall mean lighting, chewing, inhaling or smoking any tobacco product.

This policy shall be published in student handbooks, posted on bulletin boards and announced in meetings.

Staff and students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Exemptions

The school board may consider requests for exemptions from this policy which demonstrate that extraordinary circumstances exist to warrant such an exemption and which do not violate federal or state law.

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The school board may direct the superintendent to issue regulations designating smoking areas on school grounds outside buildings.

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Legal Refs.: 20 U.S.C. Section 6083 (Federal law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility used to provide educational services to children).

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 15.1-291.1, et seq.