

Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Substances

The board of directors recognizes that to protect students from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine, employees and officers of the school district, and all members of the community, have an obligation as role models to refrain from tobacco use on school property at all times. Tobacco products and delivery devices includes, but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electric smoking/vapor devices and vapor products, non-prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivering devices or chemicals that are not FDA-approved to help people quit using tobacco, devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; and any other smoking equipment, device, material or innovation.

Any use of such products and delivery devices by staff, students, visitors and community members will be prohibited on all school district property including all district building, grounds and district-owned vehicles, and within five hundred feet of schools. Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to minors is prohibited

The use of Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine replacement therapy in the form of a nicotine patch, gum or lozenge is permitted. However, students and employees must follow applicable policies regarding use of medication by students.

Notices advising students, district employees and community members of this policy will be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the superintendent and will be included in the employee and student handbooks. Employees and students are subject to discipline for violations of this policy, and school district employees are responsible for the enforcement of the policy.

Cross References:	Board Policy 3200	Student Rights and Responsibilities
	Board Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishments
	Board Policy 3416	Medicatin at School
	Board Policy 5201	Drug Free Schools, Community and Workplace
	Board Policy 5280	Termination of Employment
Legal References:	RCW 28A.210.310	Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property
	RCW 28A.210.260	Public and private schools- Administration of medication- Conditions
	RCW 28A.210.270	Public and private schools- Administration of medication- Immunity from liability- Discontinuance, procedure

Management Resources:

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