

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL AND GROUNDS FOR STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

Smoking, chewing or any other use of any tobacco products by students, staff and community members is prohibited on all school property.

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

1. "School property" means all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by a school including but not limited to the following:
 - a. All interior and exterior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage.
 - b. Any indoor facility or portion of such facility owned or leased or contracted for and used for the provision of regular or routine health care, day care, or early childhood development services;
 - c. All vehicles used by the Division for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" includes 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" includes cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "Use" includes but is not limited to lighting, chewing, inhaling or smoking any tobacco product.
4. "Smoking" means the carrying or holding of any lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, or any other lighted smoking equipment, or the lighting, inhaling, or exhaling of smoke from a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind.

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.

Electronic Cigarettes

Students are prohibited from possessing electronic cigarettes on school buses, on school premises and at school-sponsored activities.

All other persons are prohibited from using electronic cigarettes on school premises and school vehicles.

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Legal Refs.: ~~Clean Indoor Air Act~~ 20 U.S.C. § ~~6083~~ ~~-(Federal law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility used to provide educational services to children)-~~ and §7183.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§15.2-28~~20, 15.2-2824, 15.2-2825, 15.2-2827, 22.1-79.5, 22.1-279.6~~ ~~00 et seq.~~

Cross Refs.: GBEC, Tobacco-Free School for Staff and Students

~~GBECA, Electronic Cigarettes~~

~~JFC, Standards of Student Conduct~~

~~KG, Community Use of School Facilities~~

KGC, ~~Use of~~ Tobacco ~~and Electronic Cigarettes Use~~ on School Premises