

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices

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 use of tobacco products and delivery devices on school property and at school activities at all times. Tobacco products and delivery devices include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices, “vapor pens,” non-prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivery 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 school district property and at school activities. Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to minors is prohibited. This will include all district buildings, grounds and district-owned vehicles.

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 at school.

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 Reference:	Policy 3200 Policy 3416 Policy 5201	Student Rights and Responsibilities Medication at School Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace
Legal References:	Policy 5280 RCW 28A.210.310 RCW 28A.210.260 RCW 28A.210.270 RCW 70.155.080	Termination of Employment Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property Public and private schools-Administration of medication-conditions Public and private schools-Administration of Medication-Immunity from liability-Discontinuance, procedure. Purchasing, obtaining or possessing tobacco by persons under 18 – Civil infraction Electronic Cigarettes
Management Resources	Policy and Legal News, February 2014 <i>Policy News</i> , October 2010 <i>Policy News</i> , Dec 2010	Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Substances policy updated to address vapor devices Electronic Cigarettes Addressing the use of “Electronic” Cigarettes

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