

SMOKING, VAPING AND OTHER TOBACCO USE ON SCHOOL PREMISES

To provide a healthy environment for District students, employees, and members of the public, the Board of Education prohibits smoking, tobacco use, and use of electronic cigarettes (or e-cigarettes) in District buildings, on school grounds, and in any vehicle used to transport children or staff. Smoking, tobacco use, and use of electronic cigarettes are also prohibited within 100 feet of all District building entrances, exits and outdoor areas, except when this includes residential property. This prohibition extends to all employees, students, visitors, guests and clients of the District.

An “electronic cigarette” or “e-cigarette” is an electronic device that delivers vapor that is inhaled by an individual, including vaporizers, vapor pipes, and vape pens, or any refill, cartridge or component of such a device. Additionally, ingesting cannabis or concentrated cannabis products is prohibited on school grounds and on school buses. This policy does not apply to lawful medical cannabis use in compliance with state law and regulation for those who are properly certified and registered; however, state regulations do not permit smoking or vaporizing medical cannabis where smoking and vaping are prohibited by law.

Signs stating “No Smoking,” “No Smoking in this Facility,” “Smoking Prohibited in this Facility,” the international “No Smoking” symbol (consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it), or signs of like import, shall be prominently and conspicuously placed at the entrance of every school, in District vehicles, and designated outdoor locations on school grounds (e.g. athletic fields, playgrounds).

District employees and students who violate this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, as outlined in the *Code of Conduct* (1400).

Visitors, guests and clients of the District shall be subject to ejection from school grounds if they refuse to abide by this policy.

Building Principals are hereby designated as the agents of the District responsible for enforcing this policy and for informing individuals when they are in violation of the law and of this policy.

Cross-ref: Visitors to Schools policy (1240)
Code of Conduct (1400)

Ref: Education Law §§409(2);
The Pro-Children Act of 2001, 20 USC §§7181 et. seq.
The Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 USC §§6081 et. seq.
Public Health Law Article 13-E
Public Health Law §§206; 340; 347; 1399-aa

Notes: Prior policy, Revised Superintendent’s Regulations Regarding Smoking in Schools
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