

SMOKING AND OTHER TOBACCO USE ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Due to the health hazards associated with smoking, and in accordance with federal and state law, the Board of Education prohibits smoking and all other tobacco use in all school district buildings, on school grounds, and in any vehicle used to transport children or personnel. Smoking or tobacco use is also prohibited within 100 feet of all school entrances, exits and outdoor areas, except where that is a residence or residential property. The Board also prohibits the use of e-cigarettes in these locations.

For the purpose of this policy, “school grounds” shall mean any building, structure, and surrounding outdoor grounds contained within the district’s legally defined property boundaries as registered in the County Clerk’s office, as well as any vehicles used to transport students or school personnel.

The district's smoking policy shall be prominently posted in each building, at designated outdoor locations on school premises (e.g. athletic fields) and in all district vehicles. The Board designates the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee as agent responsible for informing individuals smoking or using tobacco unlawfully anywhere on school premises or in district vehicles that they are in violation of Article 13-E of the Public Health Law and/or Section 409 of the Education Law and/or the federal Pro-Children Acts of 1994 and 2001. Persons using e-cigarettes in violation of this policy will be asked to stop or leave school property.

Ref: Education Law §§409(2)
Public Health Law Article 13-E
Public Health Law §§206; 340; 347
The Pro-Children Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§1781 *et seq.*
The Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. §§6081 *et seq.*

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