

Policy

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USE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE BY PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The Board recognizes that the use of tobacco products, as well as other nicotine delivery systems, such as electronic smoking devices, are a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, staff, visitors, and school facilities. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of these products, both to users and non-users, and that their use or promotion on school grounds and at off-campus school-sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors. The Board also believes accepting tobacco industry gifts or materials will send an inconsistent message to students, staff, and visitors.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any professional staff of the District to use, consume, display, promote, or sell any tobacco products, tobacco industry brand, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, or electronic smoking or vaping devices, regardless of content, including smoking as defined in this policy, at any time on school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events. The Board authorizes the District Administrator to take reasonable measures related to the Board's expectation that the promotion and display of tobacco and related products **on school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events is prohibited.**

It shall be a violation of this policy for the District to solicit or accept any contributions, gifts, money, curricula, or materials from the tobacco industry or from any tobacco products retailer. This includes, but is not limited to, donations, monies for sponsorship, advertising, promotions, loans, or support for equipment, uniforms, and sports and/or training facilities. It shall be a violation of this policy to participate in any type of service funded by the tobacco industry while in the scope of employment for the District.

Exceptions

It shall not be a violation of this policy for tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, or lighters to be included in instructional or work-related activities in school buildings if the activity is conducted by a staff member or an approved visitor and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the product.

FDA approved cessation products or tobacco dependence products are exempt from this policy for adults and staff eighteen years and older. Staff using such products and bringing them to any school property or school-sponsored activity are responsible for safekeeping of these products at all times and are responsible for assuring that no students are able to obtain access to these products.

Instruction in the history and purpose of traditional tobacco that has been used as a part of faith and tradition in the Native American and American Indian communities is an exception to this policy.

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Policy Specific Definitions

The term “any time” means during normal school and non-school hours: twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

The term “electronic smoking device” means any product containing or delivering nicotine, or any other substance, whether natural or synthetic, intended for human consumption through the inhalation of aerosol or vapor from the product. The term electronic smoking device includes, but is not limited to, devices manufactured, marketed, or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pens, mods, tank systems, JUUL, or under any other product name or descriptor. The term electronic smoking device includes any component part of a product, whether or not marketed or sold separately, including but not limited to e-liquids, e-juice, cartridges, and pods.

The term “imitation tobacco product” means any edible non-tobacco product designed to resemble a tobacco product, or non-edible, non-tobacco product designed to resemble a tobacco product that is intended to be used by children as a toy. Examples of imitation tobacco products include but are not limited to: candy or chocolate cigarettes, bubble gum cigars, shredded bubble gum resembling chewing tobacco, pouches containing flavored substances packaged similar to snuff, shredded beef jerky in containers resembling snuff tins, plastic cigars, and puff cigarettes.

The term “off-campus, school-sponsored event” means any event sponsored by the school or School District that is not on school property, including but not limited to, sporting events, day camps, field trips, entertainment seminars, dances or theatrical productions.

The term “school property” means all facilities and property, including land, whether owned, rented, or leased by the District, and all vehicles owned, leased, rented, contracted for, or controlled by the District used for transporting students, staff, and visitors.

The term “smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette or pipe, or any other lighted or heated product containing, made, or derived from nicotine, tobacco, marijuana, or other plant, whether natural or synthetic, that is intended for inhalation. This specifically includes marijuana and hemp plant derived substances, whether or not legally sold in Wisconsin, including CBD products, Delta 8 THC, Delta 9 THC, or any other variation thereof. “Smoking” also includes carrying or using an activated electronic smoking device.

The term “tobacco industry” means manufacturers, distributors, or wholesalers of tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, or tobacco-related devices; this includes parent companies and subsidiaries.

The term “tobacco industry brand” means any corporate name, trademark, logo, symbol, motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of colors, or any other indication of product identification identical or similar to those used for any brand of tobacco product, company, or manufacturer of tobacco products.

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Legal References:

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20 U.S.C. 6081 et seq.

20 U.S.C. 7182

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