Prohibition of Smoking and the Use of Tobacco Products

The BOCES recognizes the health hazards associated with smoking and the use of tobacco products. In accordance with federal and New York State laws, the BOCES prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products in any indoor facility owned or leased by the BOCES, BOCES' vehicles, and on BOCES' owned property during K-12 school hours, K-12 student activities, and officially sanctioned events. Staff and adults may smoke in the following designated areas, when classes are not occurring, no student activities are occurring and no officially sanctioned event is occurring: rear exit to the Business Office, outside the Conference rooms in the Administration Building, rear exit to the Special Education Building, outside of custodian's receiving area in the JTC and the rear exit of the HGSTC.

A copy of this policy are to be distributed to all employees including supervisory and non-supervisory personnel. Notice of the policy and where a copy can be obtained shall be posted in appropriate places. The BOCES designates the District Superintendent, or his/her designee, as agent for informing individuals smoking or using tobacco products that it is a violation of this policy, and that they are also in violation of Article 13E of the Public Health Law and/or the federal Pro-Children Act of 1994.

Legal Ref: The Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 USC §§6081; 6083(a)
New York Public Health Law, Article 13-E
New York Education Law, §409

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