

POLICY ADC

BOARD OF EDUCATION LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Related Entries: ADC-R, ADF, ADF-R, GBGC, GBGC-R, JI, JI-RA, JICH, JICH-R, KF, KF-R, KHC, KHC-R
Responsible Office: Superintendent

TOBACCO- AND ALCOHOL-FREE SCHOOLS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of Policy ADC is to prohibit the use, distribution and possession of tobacco, tobacco products, and alcohol on school district property, in district vehicles or at off-campus school-sponsored events.

II. BACKGROUND

The Board of Education is committed to preventing students and staff from exposure to, and use of tobacco, which contains nicotine, medically proven to be an addictive substance harmful to a person's health. It is also the Board's belief that school district employees have an obligation to serve as role models for students by refraining from the use of tobacco or alcohol on school district property.

III. DEFINITIONS

1. *"School buildings"* means local school district owned or leased buildings.
2. *"School grounds" or "school property"* means local school district-owned or leased land.
3. *"School vehicle"* means any vehicle owned by the district or any vehicle used to transport students to and from any school or school-related function and which has school-sponsored chaperones.
4. *"Tobacco use"* means smoking of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette (including smokeless), or any other lighted smoking equipment or material (including e-cigarettes with or without nicotine), liquid nicotine containers, or the chewing or sniffing of a tobacco product. This shall not include nicotine replacement therapy. Lookalike products are also prohibited (i.e., candy cigarettes).

IV. POSITION

- A. Any use, possession or distribution of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, liquid nicotine containers, or possession, use or distribution of beverages containing alcohol by staff, students, visitors, or community members is prohibited on school district property, §22-5A-3, NMSA 1978, or at off-campus LCPS events that are school- or district-sponsored. [See also Policy KF].
- B. Possession or distribution of tobacco products by or to minors is prohibited on any

district property. This shall include all district buildings, grounds, and school vehicles and at off-campus events that are school- or district-sponsored.

- C. The District shall develop a plan to communicate the policy. Notices and tobacco-free and alcohol-free signs advising students, district employees, and community members of this policy shall be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the superintendent and shall be included in the employee and student-family handbooks §22-5A-4, NMSA 1978. Tobacco-free and alcohol-free announcements at all school-sponsored events (such as athletic games, graduations or concerts) will take place throughout the school year.
- D. Appropriate district personnel shall provide referrals to resources to help students and staff overcome tobacco or alcohol addictions. [See Policies and Regulations ADF: Wellness of Students and Staff, and GBGC: Employee Assistance/Wellness.]
- E. Prevention education will be provided through the appropriate curriculum, curricular activities and/or programs so that students may gain a greater understanding of the health hazards of tobacco use, and the impact of tobacco use as it relates to providing a safe, orderly, clean and inviting school environment.
- F. Students and employees are subject to discipline for violations of this policy. When possible, age-appropriate progressive disciplinary actions will be used, to the extent appropriate, beginning with supportive options to promote positive student outcomes such as tobacco education or referral to counseling, parent conferences and school or community service. Progressive discipline will also be utilized for staff and shall include referrals for counseling and/or cessation programs to the extent appropriate. [See Policies and Regulations JICH: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs, and JKD: Suspension or Expulsion of Students].
- G. Advertising of tobacco and alcohol is prohibited on school property and at school-sponsored events. [See Policy and Regulation KHC: Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials].
- H. The Superintendent shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy.

I. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



*Approved, Maria A. Flores
Board of Education President*

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Date

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