

SMOKING PROHIBITION

To promote the health and safety of all students and staff and to promote the cleanliness of school grounds, the board prohibits all smoking or use of tobacco products in all school facilities and on all school grounds at all times. Definitions of “school facilities” and “school grounds” shall be in accord with definitions in the administrative code.

Notice of this policy shall be given at each school entrance and at appropriate locations on school grounds in accordance with law. Smoking shall not be permitted at any time in classrooms, lecture halls, auditoriums or anywhere else on school grounds.

The principal of each school building is authorized to report violations, in accordance with law, to the board of health. Students and district employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures. The superintendent shall prepare and the board shall adopt regulations prohibiting smoking in all district buildings and on school grounds.

Definition: For purposes of this policy, "smoking" means inhaling the burning or vapor of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, electronic smoking device or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco. Chewing tobacco is also specifically prohibited by this policy.

Vaping

The board recognizes that the e-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco product among youth, surpassing conventional cigarettes. The use of products containing nicotine poses dangers to youth, pregnant women, and fetuses. The use of products containing nicotine in any form among youth, including in e-cigarettes, is unsafe. E-cigarette aerosol can contain harmful and potentially harmful constituents, including nicotine and other toxic chemicals. Nicotine exposure during adolescence can cause addiction and can harm the developing adolescent brain. In addition to marketed products e-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices may also be used as a delivery system for controlled and dangerous substances such as THC and flakka.

Therefore, the board, in accordance with the New Jersey Smoke Free Air Act specifically prohibits vaping in all school facilities and on all school grounds at all times.

Students violating this policy shall be subjected to disciplinary measures consistent with the code of student conduct. All the provisions of policy and regulation 5131.6 Substance Abuse shall apply to any student found using e-cigarettes and/or other electronic smoking devices including intervention and prevention education for tobacco and substance abuse. Students suspected of possessing and/or using drugs or suspected of being under the influences of controlled and dangerous substances shall be subjected to all the provisions of policy and law for substance abuse including a required medical examination.

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