

# **BIXBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# **POLICY 6128**

## **TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED**

The Bixby Board of Education recognizes that the use of tobacco and vapor products have been shown to be linked to illness and disabilities and that federal and state law prohibits smoking in an indoor facility, or the grounds thereof, which is used to provide educational services to children.

Therefore, smoking, chewing or any other use of tobacco and vapor products by staff, students and members of the public is prohibited on, in or upon any school property “ 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including non-school hours.”

Additionally, students are prohibited from possessing or distributing tobacco or vapor products or simulated tobacco or vapor products in school buildings, on school grounds, in school-owned vehicles, and at all school affiliated functions on or off school campuses.

1. “School property” is defined as all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by any school in this district including but not limited to the following:
  - a. All interior portions of any building or other structure used by the school district.
  - b. All school grounds over which the school exercises control including, but not limited to areas surrounding any building, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas, and parking areas.
  - c. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
2. “Tobacco” is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both, and includes any other product packaged for smoking, inhaling, or chewing. Tobacco products shall include any other articles or products made of tobacco or any substitute thereof.
3. “Simulated Tobacco Products” are defined as any products that imitate or mimic tobacco products, including, any vapor smoking with or without nicotine.
4. “Vapor product” is defined as any noncombustible products that may or may not contain nicotine, that employs a mechanical heating element, battery, electronic circuit or mechanism, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor in a solution or other form. These include, but are not limited to, any vapor cartridge, other containers, or other product that is intended to be used with any electronic

product or device. “Vapor products” do not include any products regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

5. “Use” is defined as lighting, chewing, dipping, inhaling or smoking any tobacco as defined within this policy.
6. “Staff” includes, but is not limited to, full-time, part-time, and contract employees.

Signs will be posted in prominent places on school property to notify the public that smoking or other use of tobacco products is prohibited.

Students are also prohibited from possessing tobacco, tobacco products, or vapor products on, in, or upon any school property. If students are found to be carrying cigarettes or other tobacco products, or simulated tobacco products, the item or items will be confiscated and necessary action taken.

Students will not be permitted to use tobacco, simulated tobacco or any tobacco products while they are participants in any class or activity in which they represent the school district.

Employees are warned that violation of this policy may lead to dismissal action. Patrons who violate this policy will be asked to leave the school premises. Students violating this policy will be disciplined.

REFERENCE: 63 O.S. §1-1522, et seq. 20 U.S.C. §6083, Federal law does not allow any indoor facility utilized for educational services to have designated smoking areas.

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