

Watertown School District 14-4

TOBACCO FREE DISTRICT

The Board recognizes that tobacco use represents a health and safety hazard which can have serious consequences. In order to protect the students, staff, employees, visitors and guests of the District from an environment that may be harmful to them, and because of possible harm to personal well-being, the Board prohibits tobacco use by staff members, employees, visitors, or guests in all K-12 District buildings, on school grounds and in all school vehicles at all times. "Tobacco Use" means all uses of tobacco, including cigars, smokeless tobacco, cigarettes, pipes and vapor products. This policy will also apply to any private building or other property, including vehicles, used for K-12 school activities when students or staff are present.

This tobacco use prohibition will be in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will apply to anyone present in K-12 District buildings or on district grounds.

All K-12 buildings and grounds shall be posted as areas in which tobacco use is prohibited. An individual who violates this policy may be referred to legal authorities at any time in this process if their acts violate state statutes, or refuses to adhere to this policy.

Cessation resources available for students or staff include SD Quitline, Watertown School District programs, and Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

The Board hereby directs the superintendent to formulate the necessary rules and procedures to ensure the enforcement and implementation of this tobacco use policy. This policy is in addition to other Board policies concerning the prohibition of tobacco use by students on school property and buses.

Policy

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