

USE OF TOBACCO ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

The board of education believes that smoking has been shown to affect the smoker's as well as the nonsmoker's health and cause discomfort for many. Therefore, in an effort to provide a pleasant environment for all patrons and employees while recognizing the preferences of smokers, the following policy is adopted.

Adult smoking and nonsmoking areas in the district will be separately designated and separately posted. Lounges or rest areas available for smokers are designated "smoking permitted." Each building or area which includes a smoking area will also include a similar lounge or rest area for nonsmokers, posted "nonsmoking area." All employees and patrons are requested to honor the smoking and nonsmoking designations and to respect the preferences of others.

The Commerce School District shall prohibit smoking in the bleachers at the football field, baseball field, and softball field.

The Commerce School District shall prohibit smoking in all areas of each school building.

During school hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), smoking will be permitted on school property in designated smoking areas only.

The school district administration bears the responsibility for addressing complaints, including asking smokers to refrain from smoking upon request.

Smoking by employees is permitted at break or meal time only, and only in areas so designated.

References: 63 O.S. 1-1523 (Section 941, School Law Book, 1996)

Adopted this 7th day of July 1997.

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