

Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices Policy 4215

The board of directors recognizes that to protect students from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine, employees and officers of the school district, and all members of the community, have an obligation as role models to refrain from use of tobacco products and delivery devices on school property at all times. Tobacco products and delivery devices includes, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices, and vapor products, non-prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivery devices or chemicals that are not FDA-approved to help people quit using tobacco, devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; and any other smoking equipment, device, material or innovation.

Any use of such products and delivery devices by staff, students, visitors and community members will be prohibited on all school district property, including all district buildings, grounds and district owned vehicles, and within five hundred feet of schools. Possession by, or distribution of tobacco products to any person under twenty-one years of age is prohibited.

The use of Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine replacement therapy such as a nicotine patch, gum or lozenge is permitted. However, students and employees must follow applicable policies regarding use of medication at school.

Notices advising students, district employees and community members of this policy will be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the superintendent and will be included in the employee and student handbooks. Employees and students are subject to discipline for violations of this policy, and school district employees are responsible for the enforcement of the policy.

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| Cross References: | Policy 3200 | Student Rights & Responsibilities |
| | Policy 3241 | Classroom Management, Corrective Action or Punishments |
| | Policy 3416 | Medication at Schools |
| | Policy 5201 | Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace |
| | Policy 5280 | Termination of Employment |
| Legal References: | RCW 28A. 210.310 | Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property |
| | Chapter 70.155, RCW | Tobacco – Access to Minors |
| | RCW. 28A.210.260 | Public and private schools – Administration of medication – Conditions |
| | RCW.28A.210.270 | Public and private schools – Administration of medication – Immunity from liability – Discontinuance, procedure. |

Management Resources: *Policy News*, Oct 2019
Policy News, July 2016
Policy News, Feb 2014 Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Substances policy updated to address vapor devices
Policy News, Dec 2010 Addressing the Use of Electronic Cigarettes
Policy News, Oct 2010 Electronic Cigarettes

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