

Section: **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Procedure Title: **Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices**

Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in Washington State. The board recognizes that schools cannot achieve their primary mission of education if students and staff are not healthy and fit physically, mentally and socially. Actions taken by staff in dealing with student use of tobacco will have as their first concern the welfare of the student involved and the other students in the school. Although a helping relationship, rather than an investigative and punitive approach, will be emphasized, necessary and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken when laws or school regulations are violated.

Prevention

Schools have a responsibility to provide tobacco prevention during the years when the risk of becoming addicted to tobacco is greatest. The goal of the tobacco use and possession policy is to establish a tobacco-free norm among students and staff by instituting and enforcing a tobacco-free environment and integrating effective prevention strategies.

Tobacco-Free School Environment

A tobacco-free school environment helps students achieve academically, socially and emotionally. The school shall be a place where:

- A. Tobacco and delivery device , which includes but are not limited to electronic smoking/vapor devices, vapor products, non-prescribed inhalers, or other nicotine or chemical delivery device use and possession is not acceptable at any time including:
 - 1. School-sponsored events on or off campus.
 - 2. General public use of district facilities, or vendors, suppliers or contractors working on district property and within 500 feet of school buildings.
- B. Students and staff are not subject to tobacco advertising:
 - 1. On school property or in school buildings.
 - 2. In school publications.
 - 3. On clothing, gear or paraphernalia (shirts, caps, backpacks, bags, key chains, lighters, etc.).
- C. Tobacco-free signage is visible to all students, staff and visitors.
- D. Schools do not knowingly accept any funding or resources from the tobacco industry (to include goods and supplies).

Instruction

Tobacco prevention instruction shall be age appropriate and focus on:

- A. The short- and long-term negative physiologic and social consequences of tobacco

use.

- B. Social influences on tobacco use and peer norms regarding tobacco use.
- C. Tobacco refusal skills.

Intervention

The goal of the intervention program shall be to eliminate use of tobacco on school property by students, staff and visitors by providing clear consequences for policy violations.

Policy Violation Corrective Action

Actions taken by staff in dealing with student use or possession of tobacco and/or delivery devices should be consistent with the actions taken for students found using alcohol or any controlled illegal, addictive or harmful substances. Corrective actions will emphasize support such as alternatives to suspension rather than punishment; tobacco use is an addictive disease and not merely a discipline problem. Penalties for policy violations will be clearly communicated and enforced consistently following progressive discipline guidelines. Additional consequences may be enforced if student is involved in the sale and/or distribution of tobacco and/or delivery devices.

Grades K-5:

First Offense: Three (3) days of Out of School Suspension (OSS) reduced to one (1) day of ISS or other school discipline, if the student agrees to participate in a corrective action designed to educate the student of the harmful effects of tobacco. The three (3) days of OSS will be held in abeyance and will be enforced if the student fails to complete the above named corrective action.

Second Offense: Five (5) days Out of School Suspension (OSS) reduced to two (1) day of OSS if the student agrees to a corrective action designed to educate the student of the harmful effects of tobacco. The remaining four (4) days of the suspension will be held in abeyance and will be enforced if the student does not participate in and complete the corrective action.

Third Offense: Seven (7) days Out of School Suspension (OSS) reduced to three (3) days of OSS if the student agrees to a corrective action designed to educate the student of the harmful effects of tobacco. The remaining four (4) days of the suspension will be held in abeyance and will be enforced if the student does not complete the corrective action.

Grades 6-12

First Offense: Five (5) days Out of School Suspension (OSS) reduced to one (1) day of OSS if the student agrees to participate in a school approved tobacco education class. The remaining four (4) days of the suspension will be held in abeyance and will be enforced if the student does not participate in and complete the class. In addition, student athletes will also receive the WIAA sanction as stated in the district's Student Activity/ Athletic Handbook. Notification of law enforcement will be at the discretion of the building principal or designee.

Second Offense: Ten (10) days Out of School Suspension (OSS) reduced to two (2) days of

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OSS if the student agrees to participate in a school approved tobacco education class. The remaining eight (8) days of the suspension will be held in abeyance and will be enforced if the student does not participate in and complete the class. In addition, student athletes will also receive the WIAA sanction as stated in the district's Student Activity/ Athletic Handbook. Notification of law enforcement will be at the discretion of the building principal or designee.

Third Offense: Fifteen (15) days Out of School Suspension (OSS) reduced to five (5) days of OSS if the student agrees to participate in a school approved tobacco education class.

The remaining ten (10) days of the suspension will be held in abeyance and will be enforced if the student does not participate in and complete the class. In addition, student athletes will also receive the WIAA sanction as stated in the district's Student Activity/ Athletic Handbook. Notification of law enforcement will be at the discretion of the building principal or designee.

Definitions

Tobacco means any lit or unlit cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product, and smokeless tobacco, also known as spit tobacco, dip, chew and snuff, in any form.

Delivery Device - includes but are not limited to electronic smoking/ vapor devices, "vapor pens," 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.

Tobacco use includes smoking, which means carrying or having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other object giving off or containing any substance giving off smoke, and chewing smokeless tobacco, also known as spit tobacco, dip, chew and snuff, in any form.

School property means all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by a school including but not limited to the following:

- A. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage;
- B. All school grounds over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas; and
- C. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons including school buses and other district vehicles.
- D. Within 500 feet of schools.

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