

24/7 Tobacco-free Campus Policy

(revised 2021)

SECTION I: INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

- a) ***Whitefield Public School*** School District understands the concern of parents, educators, students, and community members regarding the adverse effects of tobacco and second hand smoke. We want to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students, staff, and community and set the proper example for our students.
- b) This policy is intended to improve the health and safety of all individuals using the schools.
- c) *Tobacco*: is defined as a product that contains or is derived from tobacco and is intended for human consumption excluding drugs or devices approved for cessation by the United States Food and Drug Administration. This includes e-cigarettes and vapor products with or without nicotine.
- d) *24/7 Tobacco-free campus*: is defined as a campus where tobacco use is prohibited anywhere, at any time, and by any person. This extends to school-sponsored vehicles and events including those held off-campus.

SECTION II: 24/7 PROHIBITION OF TOBACCO

- a) Tobacco use is prohibited anywhere on school property, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by any person. This policy extends to school vehicles and school-sponsored events, including those held off-campus.
- b) This regulation applies to employees of the school district, students, and visitors. This regulation also applies to all public school functions (sporting events, concerts, etc.) and any outside agency using the district's facilities, including stadiums. This regulation is in effect 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- c) The 24/7 policy includes any and all e-cigarettes and vapor products with or without nicotine.
- d) The district will not accept donations of gifts, money, or materials from the tobacco industry. This district will not participate in any type of services that are funded by the tobacco industry.

SECTION III: ENFORCEMENT

- a) The success of this regulation will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of tobacco users and non-tobacco users. All individuals on school premises share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this regulation. All students will receive instruction on avoiding tobacco use.

Ultimately, each site administrator will take appropriate steps to enforce the regulation.

- b) Students found in violation of the policy will have their parents contacted for a first violation. Second offense could include disciplinary action. Information about the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline will be provided to students in violation of this policy in order to provide a resource for tobacco cessation.
- c) Employees who violate the regulation shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the employee bargaining agreements and/or the districts' faculty handbook. Information about the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline will be provided to staff members in violation of this policy in order to provide a resource for tobacco cessation.
- d) Visitors who violate the policy shall be subject to a verbal request to the individual to stop. If the person refuses to stop, the individual will be requested to leave. If the person refuses to leave, they will be referred to local authorities.

SECTION IV: POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE

- a) This 24/7 Tobacco-free Campus Policy is effective as of October 2016 and applies to all covered entities on or after that date.

Approved By School District:

Name & Title: Scott Shepherd, Superintendent
Date: Oct 7, 2016 (Revised Sept 26, 2018)