

## USE OF TOBACCO BY STUDENTS

In order to promote the general health, welfare and well-being of students and staff, smoking, chewing or any other use of any tobacco products and the conspicuous possession of tobacco products by students while in or on school properties, or under the school's jurisdiction during school hours, or while participating in a school-sponsored event is prohibited.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "School property" shall mean all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise use 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 building, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas.
  - c. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" shall include cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both. "Tobacco" shall include cloves or any other produce packaged for smoking.
3. "Use" shall mean lighting, chewing, inhaling or smoking any tobacco product.

Disciplinary measures for students who violate this policy shall include in-house detention, revocation of privileges and exclusion from extracurricular activities. Repeated violations may result in suspension from school. In accordance with state law, no students shall be expelled solely for tobacco use.

Employees found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

### **Exemptions:**

The Board shall consider requests for exemptions from this policy which demonstrate that extraordinary circumstances exist to warrant such an exemption.

Requests for exemptions from the general public shall be submitted to the person having direct responsibility for control of the building or grounds (building principal, building supervisor or superintendent as applicable). If applicable, the building level accountability committee shall review the request and make a recommendation to the appropriate administrator. The administrator's recommendation shall be forwarded to the Board for final decision.

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LEGAL REFS: C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(bb)  
C.R.S. 18-13-121  
C.R.S. 25-14-103.5  
6CCR 1010-6, Rule 5-306

CROSS REFS.: ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools  
IHAMA, Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and tobacco  
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Explosion of Students