

**TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS/SMOKING**

Note: The federal No Child Left Behind Act prohibits smoking in district facilities. The following language prohibits smoking in school building or on school grounds. The ability of the Board to adopt this following policy may be restricted by collective bargaining agreements.

~~Ample research has demonstrated the health hazards associated with the use of tobacco products, including smoking and the breathing of second-hand smoke.~~

~~As role models, district employees should demonstrate conduct that is consistent with school programs to discourage students from using tobacco products.~~

~~In accordance with law and to promote the health and safety of all students and staff, the School Board prohibits smoking or the use of tobacco products anywhere and anytime on district property and in district vehicles, including at athletic events and meetings.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall post appropriate signs prohibiting smoking in accordance with law.~~

Board recognizes its responsibility to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and others on district property and at school-sponsored activities. Ample research has demonstrated the health hazards associated with the use of tobacco products, including smoking and the breathing of second-hand smoke. As role models, district employees should demonstrate conduct that is consistent with school programs to discourage students from using tobacco products.

In accordance with law and to promote the health and safety of all students and staff, it is the intent of the Board to establish a tobacco-free environment. Consequently, it is a violation for students, staff, visitors, contractors and all others to use, distribute or sell tobacco, including any smoking device, on district premises, at school-sponsored activities on or off district premises and in district-owned, rented or leased vehicles.

Staff and/or all others authorized to use district vehicles to include transporting district students to school-sponsored activities are prohibited from using tobacco in those vehicles. ~~while students are under their care.~~

For the purposes of this policy, “tobacco” is defined to include tobacco in any form and/or any nicotine delivering devices. This does not include FDA

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approved nicotine replacement therapy products used for the purpose of cessation.

This policy shall be in effect and enforceable at all times regardless of whether or not school is in session. The Superintendent or designee shall post appropriate signs prohibiting tobacco use in accordance with law.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this policy, including provisions for notification of the district's policy to students, staff, and visitors, through such means as student/parent and staff handbooks, newsletters, inclusion on school event programs; disciplinary consequences; and procedures for filing and handling complaints about violations of the district's policy.

The Superintendent shall consult with local officials to promote enforcement of law that prohibits the possession of tobacco by minors on or off district grounds.

Note: Federal law does permit the use of tobacco products in a private residence. The following language clarifies whether or not your district will permit smoking in district-provided housing.

~~This prohibition does not apply to any private residence owned or leased by the district for housing purposes.~~

This policy also applies to any private residence owned or leased by the district for housing purposes.

All employees and staff 18 years and older may be referred to Alaska's Tobacco Quit Line 1-800-QUIT NOW, which is a free tobacco cessation resource. The Quit Line is operated by the Alaska Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.

*(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)*

*Legal Reference:*

ALASKA STATUTES

*18.35.300-18.35.330 Regulation and prohibition of smoking*

*P.L. 107-110, Section 1303, Nonsmoking Policy for Children's Services*

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