

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

Smoking, chewing or any other use of any tobacco products by staff, students and patrons shall be prohibited on school property.

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

1. "School property" shall mean 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. Any indoor facility or portion of such facility owned or leased or contracted for and used for the provision of regular or routine health care, day care, or early childhood development (Head Start) services;
 - c. All vehicles used by the division 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 product packaged for smoking.
3. "Smoking" means the carrying or holding of any lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, or any other lighted smoking equipment, or the lighting, inhaling, or exhaling of smoke from a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind.

Each principal shall post signs stating "No Smoking," within each school building and on school property. The supervisor of transportation shall post signs visible upon entering each school bus stating "No Smoking."

This policy shall be published in student and employee handbooks, posted on bulletin boards and on the school division's web site.

Each principal shall post signs stating "No Smoking," or containing the international "No Smoking" symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a bar across it, clearly and conspicuously in every school cafeteria and other dining facility in the school.

Violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate action.

Designated Smoking Areas

The School Board may direct the superintendent to issue regulations designating smoking areas on school grounds outside buildings.

Electronic Cigarettes

Students are prohibited from possessing electronic cigarettes on school buses, on school premises and at school-sponsored activities.

All other persons are prohibited from using electronic cigarettes on school premises and school vehicles.

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LEGAL REFERENCES: 20 U.S.C. §§ 6083, 7183.
Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78.15.2-2820, 15.2-2824, 15.2-2827,
22.1-79.5, 22.1-279.6.

CROSS REFERENCES: CLA Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse
JFCH Tobacco-Free School for Staff and Students
JFC-R Student Code of Conduct Manual
KG Community Use of School Facilities
KGC Tobacco-Free School for Staff, Students and Patrons