## USE OF TOBACCO, NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND **DELIVERY DEVICES**

The board of directors recognizes that to protect students from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine, employees and officers of the school district, and all members of the community, have an obligation as role models to refrain from use of tobacco products and delivery devices on school property at all times. Tobacco products and delivery devices include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices, and vapor products, 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 and any other smoking equipment, device, material or innovation.

Any use of such products and delivery devices by staff, students, visitors, and community members will be prohibited on school district property. This shall include all district buildings, grounds, districtowned vehicles, and within five hundred feet of schools. Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to any person under twenty-one years of age is prohibited.

The use of Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine replacement therapy in the form of a nicotine patch, gum or lozenge is permitted. However, students and employees must follow applicable policies regarding use of medication at school.

Notices advising students, district employees and community members of this policy shall be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the superintendent. Employee and student handbooks, athletic/activity programs, and facility rental contracts shall include notice that using tobacco on school property is prohibited. Employees and students are subject to discipline for violations of this policy, and school district employees are responsible for the enforcement of the policy.

## Cross References:

Board Policy 3200 Student Rights and Responsibilities

Board Policy 3241 Student Discipline

Drug-Free Schools, Community, and Workplace Board Policy 5201

Board Policy 5280 Separation from Employment

Legal References:

RCW 28A.210.260 Public and private schools—Administration of medication—Conditions RCW 28A.210.270

Public and private schools—Administration of medication—immunity

from liability—Discontinuance, procedure

RCW 28A.210.310 Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property

RCW 70.155.080 Tobacco-Access to minors

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