

SMOKING AND OTHER USES OF TOBACCO BY STUDENTS

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The DCSD is committed to high standards of personal and public health and safety. Therefore, in recognition of the School District's responsibility to prepare students to make sound decisions about personal health and safety issues, and in recognition of Colorado law, it is the policy of the Board of Education to prohibit the possession or use of tobacco by students, or the use of tobacco by teachers, staff and visitors in or on any school property or while participating at any student activity sponsored by the School District. Signs regarding this prohibition and the consequences of a violation shall be prominently displayed on all school property.

School property includes, but is not limited to, any building used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance, or storage, the grounds surrounding those buildings if the school is authorized to exercise dominion and control over those grounds, and all vehicles used by the school for transporting students, workers, visitors, or other persons.

Tobacco and/or tobacco products means all kinds and forms of tobacco such as cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, dissolvables, electronic cigarettes, paraphernalia and other emerging products suitable for chewing or smoking and any other product that is packaged for smoking.

Use means the lighting, chewing, smoking, consuming or ingesting of any tobacco product.

The Board of Education may seek and accept gifts, donations, or grants of any kind from any private or charitable or any government agency to meet the expenses required by this policy. Tobacco companies are excluded. Such funds shall be accounted for separately, and, to the extent that such funds are available, shall maintain and operate an educational program at each school to assist students, faculty, and staff to avoid or discontinue the use of tobacco.

This prohibition against tobacco use shall not apply to the use of tobacco product in a limited classroom demonstration to show the health hazards of smoking.

When schools address student violations of this policy, every effort should be made to include Restorative Practices. This should include educational information regarding the Tobacco Free School Law, the District tobacco free schools policy and the health hazards of tobacco. Schools shall provide resources for cessation including the NOT cessation program. As an educational organization the District should provide both effective educational programs and a positive example to students concerning the use of tobacco.

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LEGAL REFS.:

20 U.S.C. 7181 et seq.

C.R.S. § 18-13-121

C.R.S. § 22-32-109(1)(bb)

C.R.S. § 25-14-103.5

CROSS REFS.:

ADC, Tobacco Free Schools

EEAFB-R, Use of School Buses by Community Groups

JICC-R, Student Conduct on School Buses

KF-R-1, Community Use of School Facilitie