

## Community Relations

### 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 must refrain from the use of tobacco and vapor products on school property at all times. Tobacco and vapor products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices, 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.

All use of tobacco and vapor products by staff, students, parents/guardians, visitors and community members is prohibited on district property and within five hundred feet of schools. District property includes all district buildings, on school grounds, in personal vehicles on school grounds, and in district-owned vehicles. Possession by or distribution of tobacco or vapor 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, parents/guardians and community members of this policy will be posted in appropriate locations in all school buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the Superintendent or designee and will be included in the employee and student handbooks. Employees and students are subject to discipline for violations of this policy, and district employees are responsible for the enforcement of the policy.

#### Cross References:

Policy No. 3200	Rights and Responsibilities of Students
Policy No. 3241	Student Discipline
Policy No. 3416	Medication at School
Policy No. 5201	Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace
Policy No. 5281	Disciplinary Action and Discharge
Policy No. 5280	Separation from Employment

Legal Reference:	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 70.345.150 Use of products in public places – When prohibited  
Chapter 70.155, RCW Tobacco- Access to Minors  
Chapter 70.160 RCW Smoking in Public Places

Classification: Essential

Adoption Date: February 22, 1995

Revised Date: January 13, 1999

Revised Date: August 26, 2020