

Tobacco Use on School Premises

Introduction

The School Board is dedicated to providing a healthy, environment for staff, students, spectators and visitors. Since tobacco use is considered a preventable cause of premature disease and death, the Board believes schools have a responsibility to help prevent tobacco use for the health and well-being of students, staff, visitors and spectators at school events.

In accordance with state law the Board prohibits smoking and the use of any tobacco products by staff, students, visitors, or spectators at school events in all school buildings, on school grounds, in any vehicle owned, leased or rented by the District, and at school functions off school property. In addition, the possession of tobacco products by students is prohibited in all school buildings, on school grounds, in any vehicle owned, leased or rented by the District, at school functions off school property, and in privately-owned vehicles parked on school property. Privately-owned vehicles parked on school property may be searched, both announced and unannounced, at any time.

For the purposes of this policy, tobacco is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other smoking product, and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, and snuff, in any form.

Guidelines

Tobacco-use prevention education shall be integrated into the K-12 health education program. The educational program shall be based on methods proven effective by research and consistent with the Wisconsin DPI health curriculum standards. Tobacco-use prevention concepts shall be integrated into other subject areas to the greatest extent possible.

Prohibition of Tobacco Promotion

Students are not allowed to wear clothing or other items promoting tobacco including clothing, bags, and other personal articles on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored events. Tobacco advertising is prohibited in all school-sponsored publications and at all school-sponsored events.

Notification

The district administrator and building principals shall notify students, families, staff, and school visitors of the tobacco-free policy in staff and student handbooks, in district and building-level newsletters, on posted notices or signs and by other efficient means.

Enforcement

All individuals on school property share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Any individual who observes a violation on school property should report it to a building principal or supervisor.

Employees

1. If a violation occurs, a written noncompliance report shall be issued by the principal or supervisor and a copy of this report shall be retained in the employee's personnel file.
2. If a second violation occurs, the employee shall be referred by the principal or supervisor to the superintendent for disciplinary action.

Spectators and Visitors--Public Events

1. Posted notices shall be used to inform spectators and visitors of the tobacco free schools' policy.
2. Spectators or visitors who use tobacco on school property shall be reminded by the principal or designee of the district's tobacco free schools' policy.
3. If a visitor or spectator refuses to stop using tobacco, they will be asked by the principal, supervisor, or his/her designee to leave the school property and/or local law enforcement officers will be contacted.

Students

1. Students who use tobacco on school property shall be disciplined in accordance with established procedures.

