SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE BOARD POLICY

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

USE OF SCHOOL FACILIITIE, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT

SMOKE / TOBACCO FREE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT TOBACCO USE ON SCHOOL PREMISES

A tobacco-free policy contributes to a healthy working and learning environment for students and staff. Accumulated scientific testing and medical evidence have demonstrated conclusively that smoking and use of tobacco products is hazardous to the health of the user and to those secondarily exposed to smoke and is addictive.

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Therefore, in order to provide a learning environment which is free of health hazard, to protect and promote the health of the district's employees, students, visitors, and guests, and to provide an appropriate example to students in preventative health care behavior, the Board hereby adopts the following policy concerning the use of tobacco and smokeless tobacco nicotine products (including electronic cigarettes, nicotine vaporizers/pipe, etc.).

- There shall be no smoking or other use of tobacco or nicotine products in any school buildings, offices, shops, storage buildings, vehicles, or enclosed structures premises of the school district at any time and at any time that a student is under the supervision of a school district authority.
- 2. There shall be no smoking or other use of tobacco products on any school grounds, playing fields, or other outdoor area of the district on any day.
- 3. Students shall be prohibited from possession of tobacco products on school grounds.
- 2. All persons are prohibited from using tobacco, electronic cigarettes or other nicotine products not used as part of a smoking cessation program (as defined in state law) at all times in all school buildings, on all school premises, and while attending any District-sponsored function not on District property where the District controls attendance/access to the event or activity. In addition:
 - District employees are further prohibited from using such prohibited products in connection with a District-sponsored function when students are present and the employee is acting in the scope of their employment.
 - Authorized agents of the District (e.g., authorized volunteers or chaperones) are further prohibited from using such prohibited products in connection with a District-sponsored activity when students are present and the person is performing their role as an authorized agent of the District.

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- 4. Each building principal shall post signs and notices in his/her building regarding the prohibition of smoking or use of smokeless tobacco products. The District Administrator and the building principal shall make the prohibition known to all occupants of the district.
- 5. All individuals on school premises share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Violations will be subject to discipline procedures, established school policies, and/or city ordinances and state laws.

Legal Reference:

smoking prohibited in enclosed places
school board duty to prohibit tobacco use on school premises
definition of nicotine products
definition of tobacco products

Cross Reference:

Policy 443. 2 3	Student (Smoke / Tobacco Free School Environment)
Policy 522.1	Personnel (Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace
Policy 523.5 522.2	Personnel (Tobacco use by Staff and Related Products)

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