

Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices

Purpose

This policy designates Valley School District as a tobacco-free district and prohibits the use of tobacco products and delivery devices on district property.

Scope

This policy applies to the Board of Directors, Superintendent, administrators and district employees, students, parents and guardians, volunteers and community members.

Policy

1. The Valley School District and the Board of Directors recognize that to protect students from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine, employees, students, officers of the school district and all members of the community have an obligation as role models to refrain from the use of tobacco products and delivery devices on school property.
2. "Tobacco products and delivery devices" include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless (chewing) tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices, "vapor pens," non-prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivery devices, or chemicals that are not Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved to help people quit using tobacco, devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances, and any other tobacco or smoking equipment, device, material or innovation.
3. Use of such products and delivery devices by employees, students, parents and guardians, volunteers, visitors and community members is prohibited on district property. "Property" means all district-owned buildings, grounds and vehicles. Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to minors is prohibited.
4. The use of 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 the use of medication at school.
5. Notices advising students, district employees and patrons of this policy will be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the Superintendent. Employee and student handbooks will include notice that using tobacco products and devices 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.

Related Procedures

N/A

Policy Cross References

3200-Rights and Responsibilities

3240-Student Conduct

3416-Medication at School

4311-District Relationships With Law Enforcement and Other Governmental Agencies

5201-Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace

Policy 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 – Purchasing, obtaining or possessing tobacco by persons under 18 — Civil infraction — Jurisdiction

Management Resources

Policy & Legal News, February 2014 – Addressing the use of vapor devices

Policy News, October and December 2010 – Electronic Cigarettes

Policy History

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