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TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS

In order to promote the general health, welfare and well being of students, staff, and visitors, smoking, chewing, or any other use or distribution of any tobacco/nicotine product by staff, students and members of the public on any school property or while participating at any student activity sponsored by the school district is prohibited twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Signs regarding this prohibition and the consequences of a violation shall be prominently displayed on all school property.

In addition, no student is permitted to possess a tobacco product. The policy may permit tobacco products to be included in instructional or research activities in public school buildings if the activity is conducted or supervised by the faculty member overseeing the instruction or research. The activity cannot include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the tobacco product.

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, maintenance, transporting of students, workers, visitors, or other persons.

Tobacco and/or tobacco product means all kinds and forms of tobacco such as cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, dissolvables, electronic cigarettes, paraphernalia and other emerging tobacco or tobacco substitute products.

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 sources 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.

Students who violate this policy shall be disciplined according to district policy JICG: Use of Tobacco by Students. Disciplinary measures may include parent notification, School Resource Officer notification, in-school alternatives, revocation of privileges and exclusion from extracurricular activities. Repeated violations may result in suspension from school.

Employees found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Disciplinary actions will be in accordance with personnel policies and may include verbal warning, written reprimand, or termination.

Any member of the general public considered by the superintendent or designee to be in violation of this policy will be instructed to refrain from tobacco product use and/or distribution while on school property or at school sponsored event or leave the premises. If they refuse, law enforcement officers may be contacted to escort the person off the premises.

The administration will consult with the health department or other appropriate health organizations to provide students and employees with information and access to support systems, programs, and services to encourage them to abstain from the use of tobacco products.

In accordance with state and federal law, the District shall provide age-appropriate, drug, alcohol and tobacco education and prevention programs from early childhood through grade 12. The programs will provide students the opportunity to gain greater understanding of the health hazards of tobacco use and the impact of tobacco use as it relates to providing a safe, orderly, clean, and inviting school environment.

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LEGAL REFS:

C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(bb)

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CROSS REFS:

EEAFB-R, Use of School Buses by Community Groups

JIC/JICDA, Student Conduct

JICC-R-2, Student Conduct on School Buses

JICG, Smoking and Other Uses of Tobacco by Students