

TOBACCO USE BY STUDENTS  
(Version 1)

Health professionals have determined that the use of tobacco products can be detrimental to one's health. The Board wishes to encourage good health practices among the students of this District, as well as compliance with Federal and State law. Therefore, the Board prohibits the smoking, use or possession of tobacco in any form including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, clove cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, **alternative nicotine products, electronic cigarettes** and any other forms of tobacco by any student in any area or vehicle under the control of the District or at any activity supervised by any school within the District.

*(Permissive language next paragraph only)*

~~The Board prohibits the use or possession of electronic cigarettes by any student in any area or vehicle under the control of the District or at any activity supervised by any school within the District.~~

Students and parents are given copies of the standards of conduct and statement of disciplinary sanctions, and notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory. Disciplinary measures taken against students for violations of this policy comply with the requirements of State law and related District policies.

[Adoption date:]

LEGAL REFS.: The Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.  
Goals 2000: Educate America Act; 20 USC 6081 through 6084  
ORC 3313.66; 3313.661; 3313.751  
3794.01; 3794.02; 3794.04; 3794.06  
OAC 3301-35-02; 3301-35-04

CROSS REFS.: JFA, Student Due Process Rights  
JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)  
JGD, Student Suspension  
JGE, Student Expulsion  
Student Handbooks

*NOTE: ~~Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) have increased in popularity. These devices are not classified as tobacco and State and Federal law do not regulate their use. Districts that want to prohibit students from possessing or using these devices like other tobacco products should review the provided permissive language.~~*

***House Bill 144 (2014) added alternative nicotine products and electronic cigarettes to the juvenile tobacco laws.***

*Disciplinary sanctions for tobacco use should be placed in the student code of conduct.*

***THIS IS A REQUIRED POLICY***