

TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

The School Board is committed to providing students, staff, and visitors with a tobacco-free environment. The negative health effects of tobacco use for both users and nonusers, particularly in connection with second hand smoke, are well established. Further, providing a tobacco-free environment is consistent with the role-modeling responsibilities of teachers and staff for our students.

For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, smokeless tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or any other matter or substances that contain tobacco, and the possession of papers used to roll cigarettes.

To protect students and staff who choose not to use tobacco from an environment noxious to them, and because the Board does not condone the use of tobacco, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco within any facility owned or leased or contracted for by the Board.

(X) and used to provide education or library services to children.

[X] The Board also prohibits the use of electronic, "vapor," or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes, or other smoking devices.

The Board also prohibits the use of tobacco anywhere on the campus of any facility owned or leased or contracted for by the Board, including, but not limited to, practice fields, playgrounds, football fields, baseball fields, softball fields, pool areas, soccer fields, tennis courts, and all open areas.

Furthermore, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco in all vehicles owned or operated by the Board, including, but not limited to, school buses, vans, trucks, station wagons, and cars.

The Board further directs the Superintendent to develop administrative procedures designed to provide evidenced-based curricula regarding health hazards of the use of tobacco products to students as part of in-school and after-school programs and to provide counseling to students regarding smoking cessation.

In addition, pursuant to State law, the Superintendent shall develop and update procedures as necessary to include tobacco education and tobacco prevention.

F.S. 381.84, 386.202, 386.204, 386.206, 386.212
20 U.S.C. 6081 et seq., 20 U.S.C. 7182

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