

# TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS AND CAMPUSES

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for an environment that is 100 percent free from tobacco use.

The board believes that tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke (environmental tobacco smoke) are hazardous to the health of human beings, especially children. Therefore, the board affirms that one of the best methods of instruction is one that is provided within a 100 percent tobacco-free environment.

## Goal

The goal of this policy is to provide an environment that is 100 percent free of tobacco use and 100 percent smoke-free for all students, staff, and visitors within all district facilities, vehicles, and grounds, and at all district sponsored events by doing the following:

- exhibiting healthy behavior for all students, staff, visitors, and the entire community
- utilizing a proven and effective science-based tobacco use prevention curricula
- providing access to cessation counseling or referral services for all students and staff

## Procedures

- Prohibit the use and/or possession of all tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or paraphernalia including, but not limited to, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, and snuff by all students, staff, and visitors.
- Ensure that tobacco use prevention programs, as recommended by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, and the South Carolina Department of Education, are an integral part of district substance abuse prevention efforts.
- Provide and/or refer to cessation services for students and staff.
- Ensure that violations of the S.C. Youth Access to Tobacco Prevention Act of 2006 are communicated to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

## Enforcement

The district will enforce this policy by determining appropriate disciplinary actions for violators (students, staff, visitors) such as the following:

### *Students*

- parent/legal guardian/administrator conferences
- mandatory enrollment in a tobacco prevention education program
- community service
- in-school suspension
- out-of-school suspension
- suspension from extracurricular activities

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### *Staff*

- verbal reprimands
- written notification placed in personnel file
- suspension
- mandatory enrollment in a tobacco education program
- voluntary enrollment in a cessation program

### *Visitors*

- verbal request to refrain from the use of the tobacco product
- removal from school property if visitor refuses to comply with request to refrain from the use of the tobacco product
- forfeiture of any fee charged for admission
- prosecution for disorderly conduct after repeated offenses

### **Education and Assistance**

The district will be responsible for utilizing proven and effective tobacco use prevention curricula to educate all students and providing assistance and/or making appropriate cessation referrals.

### **Tobacco Industry Marketing or Sponsorship**

The district will not accept contributions or gifts, money, or materials from the tobacco industry. The district will not participate in any type of services that are funded by the tobacco industry. In addition, any gear, paraphernalia, clothing, etc., that advertises tobacco use or tobacco products will not be allowed on district grounds or in the possession of faculty, staff, or students at district-sponsored events.

Cf. GBED, JICG

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### Legal References:

- A. United States Code of Laws, as amended:
  1. Pro-Children Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C.A. Section 7972, *et seq.*
- B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
  1. Section 16-17-490 - Prohibits contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
  2. Section 16-17-500 - Youth Access to Tobacco Prevention Act of 2006.
  3. Section 44-95-10, *et seq.* - Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990.
  4. Section 59-67-150 - Prohibits use of tobacco products on school buses.