

## Policy Code: 5026/7250 Smoking and Tobacco Products

The board of education promotes the health and safety of all students and staff and the cleanliness of all school facilities. The use of tobacco products on school property is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff and school visitors. To this end, the board will prohibit smoking and the use of tobacco products. For the purposes of this policy, the term "tobacco products" means any product that contains or is made or derived from tobacco and is intended for human consumption, including all lighted and smokeless tobacco products, as well as electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, and other electronic smoking devices even if they do not contain tobacco or nicotine. School personnel will observe the following:

1. The use of tobacco products by any person in any school building or district facility, in school vehicles, and on school grounds at any time is prohibited.
2. School district employees while on duty, but off school grounds, may not use tobacco products in the presence of students.
3. The administration will consult with the county health department and other appropriate organizations to provide employees with information and access to support systems and programs to encourage employees to abstain from the use of tobacco products. The school district will, from time to time, provide free non-smoking clinics to be offered to employees in the schools, after the regular school day.
4. Nothing in this policy prohibits the use or possession of tobacco products for an instructional or research activity conducted in a school building provided such activity is conducted or supervised by a faculty member, and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting tobacco.
5. School personnel will be provided notice of this policy through personnel handbooks or other means identified by the district. In addition, the principal will post signs in a manner and location that adequately notify staff, students, school volunteers and contractors, and visitors about prohibitions against the use of tobacco products on school property.

Legal References: Pro-Children Act of 1994, [20 U.S.C. 6081](#) *et seq.*; [21 U.S.C. 321](#) (rr); [G.S. 14-313](#); [G.S. 115C-47](#)(18), [-407](#)

Cross References: Tobacco Products (policy 4320)

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