

10.09 TOBACCO-FREE DISTRICT

The Board of Education has a duty to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students and staff. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products, both to users and non-users, and that most tobacco use begins by the age of 18. The Board recognizes that district personnel and school visitors serve as role models to students and, therefore, adopts this 100% Tobacco-Free School Policy to endorse a healthy lifestyle and prevent tobacco use.

DEFINITION:

For the purpose of this policy, "tobacco product" is defined to include any product that contains tobacco, is derived from tobacco, or contains nicotine, which is intended for human consumption, or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, vaporized, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. The term "tobacco products" includes e-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices, but does not include any cessation product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use as a medical treatment to reduce and eliminate nicotine or tobacco dependence.

TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED:

No student, staff member, or volunteer on school property is permitted to use tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) at any time, including non-school hours, on all school grounds including in any facility, athletic grounds, parking lots or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the Franklin Local School District.

In addition, no student, staff member, or volunteer is permitted to use tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) at any school-sponsored event, whether such event occurs on-campus or off-campus.

Finally, no student is permitted to possess tobacco products (including e-cigarettes), papers used to roll cigarettes, lighters, or other paraphernalia at any time.

TOBACCO PROMOTION PROHIBITED:

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored publications, and at all school-sponsored events. Tobacco promotional items that promote the use of tobacco products, including clothing, bags, lighters, and other personal articles are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored events.

PROVIDING NOTICE:

"No Tobacco" signs will be posted throughout the district at entrances and other appropriate locations on all academic buildings, administrative spaces, school grounds, and athletic fields. Students **will** be provided notice of this policy through student handbooks and district personnel will be provided notice of this policy through personnel handbooks. District vehicles will display the international "No Smoking" insignia. Announcements will be made during home athletic events both before the event and during intermission, as well as at all school functions where deemed appropriate. School programs will include a written reminder of the tobacco-free policy.

ENFORCEMENT:

The 100% Tobacco-Free Schools policy will be enforced, for both students and staff, through tiered disciplinary measures ranging from verbal and written warnings to more severe consequences.

Citizens failing to comply with this policy are educated as to State law and the Board's policy on smoking. Persons refusing to extinguish smoking materials may be fined by the Ohio Department of Health or its designees.

EDUCATIONAL REINFORCEMENT:

Tobacco-use prevention education should be closely coordinated with the other components of the school health program. Staff responsible for teaching tobacco-use prevention education should have adequate pre-service training and participate in ongoing professional development activities to effectively deliver education programming. Preparation and professional development activities should provide basic knowledge about the effects of tobacco use and effects of peer pressure on tobacco use combined with skill practice in effective instructional techniques and strategies and program-specific activities.

TOBACCO EDUCATION PROGRAM RESOURCES:

To search for educational materials and local tobacco cessation programs, visit www.odh.ohio.gov/tobacco

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. § 6081 et seq (1994).

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3313.20, 3313.47, 3313.751, 3791.031 (LEXIS 2005).