

Tobacco-Free Environment

The Board recognizes its responsibility to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, staff, and others on district property and at school-sponsored activities. In light of scientific evidence that use of tobacco is hazardous to health, and to be consistent with district curriculum and Oregon law, it is the intent of the Board to establish a tobacco-free environment.

Consequently, student possession, use, distribution, or sale of tobacco, including any smoking device, on district property, at school-sponsored activities on or off district premises, in district-owned, rented or leased vehicles, or otherwise while the student is under the jurisdiction of the school, is prohibited.

Tobacco use, distribution, or sale by staff on district property, at district-sponsored activities on or off district premises, in district-owned, rented or leased vehicles, or otherwise while on duty, is prohibited.

Tobacco use, distribution, or sale by others on district property, in district vehicles or at district-sponsored activities on or off district property also is prohibited. Staff and/or all others authorized to use private vehicles to transport district students to school-sponsored activities are prohibited from using tobacco in those vehicles while students are under their care.

For the purposes of this policy, “tobacco” is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product, spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, or snuff, in any form, nicotine or nicotine delivering devices, chemicals or devices that produce the physical effect of nicotine substances, or any other tobacco substitute (e.g., e-cigarettes). This does not include FDA approved nicotine replacement therapy products used for the purpose of cessation.

Clothing, bags, hats or other personal items used by staff and students to display, promote or advertise tobacco products are prohibited on district grounds, at school-sponsored activities or in district vehicles. Tobacco advertising is prohibited in all school buildings, school-sponsored publications and at all school-sponsored activities. District acceptance of gifts, funds or sponsorships from the tobacco industry is similarly prohibited. The tobacco-free zone will be advertised on all campus in highly visible places.

Student violations of this policy will lead to appropriate disciplinary action up to and including suspension. Students also may be subject to removal from any or all extracurricular activities. When considering disciplinary action for a child with disabilities, the district must follow the requirements of Board policy JGDA/JGEA - Discipline of Students with Disabilities, including those involving functional behavioral assessment, change of placement, manifestation determination, and an interim alternative educational setting.

A referral to law enforcement may be made. Parents shall be notified of all violations involving their student and action taken by the school. Information about cessation support and/or tobacco education programs and how students can access these programs will be provided. At the discretion of the building principal, attendance or completion of such programs by students may be allowed as a substitute for, or part of student discipline.

The superintendent shall consult with local officials to promote enforcement of law that prohibits the possession of tobacco by minors on or off district grounds.

Staff violations of this policy will lead to appropriate disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Violations by others will result in appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the superintendent or Board. Information about community resources and/or cessation programs to help overcome tobacco use will be provided.

As part of the district's tobacco use prevention activities, the superintendent shall ensure that tobacco use instructional programs as recommended by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program and the Oregon Department of Education are an integral part of its drug and alcohol prevention curriculum. Programs must be integrated within the health education program and age- and developmentally-appropriate instruction with particular emphasis on grades six through eight. It is the expectation of the Board that tobacco use prevention concepts will be integrated into the instruction of other subject areas as practicable.

Staff responsible for teaching tobacco use prevention will be encouraged to collaborate with agencies and groups that conduct tobacco use prevention education and to participate in ongoing professional development activities that provide basic knowledge about the effects of tobacco use, effective instructional techniques and program-specific activities.

Building administrators will include this policy in staff handbooks, review the policy at annual in-service with all staff, and ask staff members not to use tobacco near campus in view of students. Policy information also will be provided to all new employees and available to visitors. The athletic directors will review this policy with all coaches, paid and volunteer. Parents and students also will receive a copy of the tobacco policy in the *Student/Parent Handbook*.

The superintendent shall ensure that the district's tobacco use prevention program, policies, curricula, training and cessation programs are evaluated at regular intervals. The input of students, staff, parents and others from the community will be encouraged.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 336.222](#)
[ORS 336.227](#)
[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)

[ORS 433.835 - 433.990](#)
[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)
[OAR 581-022-0413](#)

[OAR 581-021-0110](#)
[OAR 581-053-0015](#)
[OAR 581-053-0545\(4\)\(c\)\(R\)-\(T\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0550\(5\)\(q\)-\(s\)](#)

Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6081-6084 (2006).

Cross Reference(s):

GBK/JFCG/KGC - Tobacco-Free Environment
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