

Tobacco Prevention Policy

I. Statement of Purpose

The Board recognizes the use of and the exposure to the use of tobacco is a health hazard and is contrary to the district's goal of maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all. The purpose of this policy is to create a vehicle for the schools, parents, and community to promote healthy behaviors.

For the purpose 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, snuff, in any form.

II. Scope of the Policy

- A. This policy becomes effective upon the second reading.
- B. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and patrons of the district at all times while on district property.
 - 1. School property includes vehicles furnished by the district for transportation to or from school or a school sponsored function.
- C. School sponsored functions that occur off of school property are within the scope of this policy.

III. Prohibitions and Exemption regarding the Possession, Distribution, and Use of Tobacco

- A. The manufacturing, sale, distribution, dispensing, possession, and/or use of tobacco or tobacco paraphernalia is prohibited within the scope of this policy.
- B. No one shall assist another individual with prohibited activities under the scope of this policy.
- C. Certain individuals (e.g., health educators, police officers, counselors, and medical professionals) may be exempted from the prohibition regarding the possession of tobacco and tobacco paraphernalia under the scope of this policy.
 - 1. This exemption may be granted when possession is solely for the purpose of providing education in order to prevent tobacco use as outlined in this policy.
 - 2. The school principal or the superintendent may grant this exemption.

IV. Support for Tobacco Use Cessation

- A. The district will support (although not financially) student opportunities to participate in tobacco cessation programs, which may be provided by community programs.
- B. In addition, the district may provide, upon request, tobacco cessation information materials and lists of cessation resources to adults.

V. Tobacco Prevention Education

- A. The district will provide a tobacco prevention education program for all students. This program shall be organized as follows.
 - 1. The goal of the tobacco prevention education program is to prevent and reduce tobacco use by developing and reinforcing skills in students that will empower them to:
 - a. Understand the consequences of using tobacco;
 - b. Understand and manage peer pressure;
 - c. Make informed and responsible decisions; and
 - d. Adopt positive attitudes towards health and wellness.
 - 2. The curriculum will:
 - a. Be developmentally appropriate for each grade level taught;
 - b. Be consistent with the health education common curriculum goals;
 - c. Reflect community values and attitudes;
 - d. Be decided after providing opportunities to consult with parents, teachers, administrators, local community agencies, and persons from the health or tobacco prevention community; and
 - e. Be reviewed and updated periodically.
 - 3. The instructional requirements are the tobacco prevention education will be included in the health education curriculum.
 - 4. The tobacco prevention education program shall include basic information on:
 - a. The effects of tobacco use;
 - b. The laws relating to the sale, purchase, and use of tobacco; and
 - c. The availability of school and community resources for the prevention and cessation of tobacco use.

VI. Consequences for Violations of this Policy

- A. Any person found in violation of the prohibitions regarding the possession, distribution, and use of tobacco will be subject to consequences.

1. Consequences for Students
 - a. In the case of a student, the minimal consequences will be:
 - (1) A parent conference;
 - (2) Referral to a screening program; and
 - (3) Referral to local law enforcement.
 - b. Any tobacco or tobacco related products found in violation of this policy will be confiscated and held by school personnel
 - c. Refusal to comply with the minimal consequences or repeated violations will result in consequences ranging from detention to expulsion.
2. Consequences for Adults
 - a. Adults will be asked politely to remove the tobacco from the setting.
 - b. Repeated violations may result in being barred from school functions for a period of time or referral to local law enforcement.
3. All person’s legal rights will be observed during this process.

VII. Procedures for Implementing and Communicating this Policy

- A. The district superintendent is responsible for informing all district staff and the community of this policy and their responsibilities within this policy.
- B. This policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, updated periodically. The input of parents, teachers, administrators, local community agencies and persons from the health or tobacco prevention community will be encouraged during the review period.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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| ORS 163.575 (1)(d),(e) | OAR 581-021 -0050 to -0075 |
| ORS 332.107 | OAR 581-022 -0413 |
| ORS 336.222 | OAR 581-053 -0015 |
| ORS 336.227 | OAR 581-053 -0545 |
| ORS 339.240 | (4)(c)(R,S,T) |
| ORS 339.250 | OAR 581-053 -0550 (5)(t,u,v) |
| ORS 431.840 | OAR 581-021-0110 |
| ORS 431.845 | |
| ORS 433.835 - 433.990 | |

Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. Sections 6081-6084.