

**Tobacco-Free Environment\*\***

It is the public charter school’s obligation to protect the health, welfare and safety of students. In light of scientific evidence that the use of tobacco is hazardous to health, and to be consistent with public charter school’s curriculum and Oregon law, student possession, use, distribution or sale of tobacco in any form on public charter school’s premises, at public charter school-sponsored activities, on or off public charter school’s premises, in public charter school-owned, rented or leased vehicles or otherwise, while the student is under the jurisdiction of the public charter school is prohibited at all times.

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, 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.

Tobacco use, distribution or sale by staff and all others is also prohibited on public charter school premises in any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the public charter school and at all public charter school-sponsored activities at all times.

Violation of this policy will lead to appropriate disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for students. When considering disciplinary action for a child with disabilities, the public charter school 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. Community or school service may be required. A referral to law enforcement may be made. Parents will be notified of all violations involving their student and subsequent action taken by the public charter 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 public charter school administrator, attendance and completion of such programs, or successful completion of a behavior modification plan, may be allowed as a substitute for, or as part of student discipline.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 336.222](#)

[ORS 336.227](#)

[ORS 338.115\(j\)](#)

[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 581-053-0230\(9\)\(s\)](#)

[OAR 581-053-0330\(1\)\(m\)](#)

[OAR 581-053-0430\(12\)](#)

[OAR 581-053-0531\(11\)](#)

[OAR 581-053-0630](#)

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