

Vernonia School District 47J

Code: **GBK/JFCG/KGC**
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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. It is the board's policy to prohibit access to tobacco and nicotine products to students under the care of the District.

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, snuff, in any form. This also includes tobacco strips, orbs, sticks, e-cigarettes, and any other tobacco or nicotine delivery device/system.

Clothing, bags, hats and other personal items used by staff, students and volunteers 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 sponsored publications, in all school buildings and at all school sponsored events. District acceptance of gifts or funds from the tobacco industry is similarly prohibited. The district will not contract with other public or private alternative schools that allow student tobacco use on campus.

Information about community resources and/or cessation programs to help staff and students overcome tobacco use will be provided.

The district will promote cessation resources and other positive alternatives to discipline. Tobacco use cessation programs may be established at district schools. Cessation methods may be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee, on a case-by-case basis.

As part of the district's tobacco use prevention activities, the superintendent shall ensure that tobacco use instructional programs as recommended by the Oregon health Authority, 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 provided at every level 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 practical.

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

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this policy, including provisions for notification of the district's policy, through such means as student/parent and staff handbooks, newsletters, including school event programs, signs at appropriate locations, disciplinary consequences, and procedures for filing and handling complaints about violations of the district's policy.

The superintendent shall ensure that the district’s tobacco use prevention program; policies, curricula, training and cessation programs are evaluated using Oregon Health Authority’s Best Practice Guidelines at regular intervals. Input on these evaluations will be encouraged from students, staff, parents and others from the community.

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 581-021-0110](#)

[OAR 581-022-0413](#)

[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):

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