

## **TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS**

Smoking, chewing or any other use of any tobacco products by staff, students, and visitors is prohibited on school property.

For purposes of this policy,

1. "School property" means:
  - a. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, athletics (for purposes of this policy exterior athletic spaces are considered instructional space), maintenance or storage.
  - b. All vehicles used by the division for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" includes cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both. "Tobacco" includes cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "Smoking" means the carrying or holding of any lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, or any other lighted smoking equipment, or the lighting, inhaling, or exhaling of smoke from a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind.

This policy shall be published in student and employee handbooks, posted on bulletin boards and announced in meetings.

The director shall post signs stating "No Smoking," or containing the international "No Smoking" symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a bar across it, clearly and conspicuously in the school cafeteria and other dining facility in the school.

Staff and students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

### Designated Smoking Areas

The Regional School Board may direct the director to issue regulations designating smoking areas on school grounds outside buildings.

## Electronic Cigarettes

Students are prohibited from possessing electronic cigarettes on school buses, on school premises and at school-sponsored activities.

All other persons are prohibited from using electronic cigarettes on school premises and school vehicles.

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Legal Refs.: 20 U.S.C. §§ 6083, 7183.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 15.2-2820, 15.2-2824, 15.2-2825, 15.2-2827, 22.1-79.5, 22.1-279.6.

Cross Refs.: Pol 4078/5092 Electronic Cigarettes

Pol 4077 Tobacco Free School for Staff and Students

Pol 6010 Community Use of School Facilities

Pol 2025 Use of Tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes on School Premises