

Smoking and Other Uses of Tobacco by Students, Staff & Visitors

The district believes that tobacco smoke and the use of tobacco products in the school and work environment are not conducive to good health. As an educational organization, the district should provide both effective educational programs and a positive example to students concerning the use of tobacco. In order to promote the general health, welfare and well being of students and staff- smoking, chewing or any other use of tobacco product and possession of tobacco product by students is banned from all school property. Staff are banned from use of tobacco products and are discouraged from visible possession of any tobacco products on and off school property during your work hours and at all school sponsored events.

Signs are posted prominently on all school property to notify the public that smoking and other uses of tobacco products are banned on all school property. Use of tobacco by students, teachers, staff and visitors in or on any school property or at any student activity sponsored by the district is prohibited. No areas or events, including fundraising, shall be exempt from this prohibition.

Any visitor violating the district tobacco policy will be asked to leave the school property or school sponsored event to finish their tobacco product or to dispose of the product.

Schools will make every effort to provide alternatives to suspension for tobacco violations. This will include educational information regarding tobacco free schools law, the district tobacco free policy and health hazards of tobacco. Resources for alternatives to suspension include both education and cessation options provided by the Safe and Drug Free Schools program. Examples could include American Lung Association Alternative to Suspension Program or Colorado State Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership Second Chance Program.

Any student who is interested in cessation, not just those with violations, can access help at their school. Most district high schools offer the American Lung Association Not on Tobacco (NOT) cessation program for any student interested in quitting. You can also go online to Fixnixer.com or Ownyourc.com for cessation information and assistance.

Staff shall set a positive example for students concerning the use of tobacco by following the district policy and state laws regarding tobacco use. The use of tobacco by staff on all school property is prohibited and also during all school sponsored activities, even those off of school property. In order to be healthy role models for students, employees are discouraged from any use or possession of tobacco products during work hours including in or near school vehicles and both on and off school property.