
Students
TOBACCO

Tobacco use presents a health hazard with serious consequences both for tobacco users and non-users alike. Students shall not be allowed to smoke, chew or possess tobacco or nicotine products on school property or during school hours, at school-sponsored events, or under the supervision of District employees.

For the purposes of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include tobacco in any form and/or any electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)ing devices (e.g. vapes, vaporizers, vape pens, hookah pens, electronic cigarettes [e-cigarettes or e-cigs], e-pipes). This does not include FDA approved nicotine replacement therapy products used for the purpose of cessation.

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.

Student violations of this policy will lead to disciplinary action up to and including suspension. The District may provide positive alternatives to suspension, such as in-school suspension, educational programs, school and community service, and promotion of cessation resources. Students may also be subject to removal from any or all co-curricular activities and/or denial or forfeiture of school honors or privileges (e.g., valedictorian, salutatorian, student body, class or club office positions, field trips, senior trip, prom, etc.). A referral to law enforcement shall be made. Parents shall be notified of all violations involving their student and action taken by the school.

Staff responsible for teaching tobacco use prevention will be encouraged when funds/resources allow to collaborate with agencies and groups that conduct tobacco use prevention education and to participate in ongoing professional development activities that provide basic knowledge about the effects of tobacco use, effective instructional techniques and program-specific activities. As part of the District's tobacco use prevention activities, the Superintendent shall recommend to the curriculum committee the use of evidence-based instructional programs as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or approved by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Programs will be integrated within the health education program and be age- and developmentally -appropriate.

(cf. [3515](#) – School Safety and Security)

(cf. [3513.3](#) - Tobacco-free Schools/Tobacco Use)

(cf. [5144.1](#) - Suspension and Expulsion)

(cf. [5142 - Safety](#))

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.30.360 Curriculum (Health and Safety Education)

18.35.300 Places Where Smoking is Regulated

18.35.305 Places Where Smoking is Prohibited

18.35.310 Exemptions

18.35.320 Designation of Smoking Sections (prohibits designation of smoking sections for students)

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