



Book	Policy Manual
Section	3000 BUSINESS & INSTRUCTION SUPPORT OPERATIONS
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Ample research has demonstrated the health hazards associated with the use of tobacco products, including smoking and the breathing of second-hand smoke. As role models, District employees should demonstrate conduct that is consistent with school programs to discourage students from using tobacco products.

In accordance with law and to promote the health and safety of all students and staff, the School Board prohibits smoking or the use of tobacco products. This prohibition includes any smoking device, anywhere and anytime on District property and in District vehicles (owned, rented or leased), including at school sponsored activities and meetings.

Staff and/or all others authorized to use District vehicles to transport District students to school-sponsored activities are prohibited from using tobacco in those vehicles.

For the purposes of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include tobacco in any form and/or any nicotine delivering devices. This does not include FDA approved nicotine replacement therapy products used for the purpose of cessation.

This policy shall be in effect and enforceable at all times regardless of whether or not school is in session. The Superintendent shall post appropriate signs prohibiting tobacco use in accordance with law.

The Superintendent shall 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, inclusion on school event programs; disciplinary consequences; and procedures for filing and handling complaints about violations of the District's policy.

The Superintendent shall consult with local officials to promote enforcement of law that prohibits the possession of tobacco by minors on or off district grounds.

This prohibition does apply to any private residence owned or leased by the District for housing purposes.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES  
18.35.300-18.35.330 Health nuisances