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TOBACCO USE IN DISTRICT FACILITIES / TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS

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All uses of tobacco products in any form are prohibited in any District-owned facility, vehicle used to transport students, or other areas designated for student use at any time.

Rationale

It is the School Board's responsibility to provide a safe and healthy learning environment free from exposure to known carcinogens, and one in which adults are role models for healthy behavior. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products both to users and non-users, and that most tobacco use begins before the age of eighteen. Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in Florida. Comprehensive school policies to prevent tobacco use are an effective strategy in assisting to reduce tobacco use in the state. The Board recognizes that District personnel and school visitors also serve as role models to students and, therefore, adopts this 100 percent Tobacco Free School Policy to endorse a healthy lifestyle and prevent tobacco use.

Definition

For the purpose of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove, cigarette, cigarillo, hookah, and any other smoking product, and any smokeless or spit less tobacco also known as dip, chew, snuff, snus, orbs, and strips, sticks, or electronic cigarette in any form.

All components of this policy are effective 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. This includes all days when school is not in session and at any school-sponsored event on or off campus. This policy applies to all students, staff, faculty, volunteers, contracted vendors and school visitors.

Tobacco Use Prohibited

All uses of tobacco of any kind (as described above) that may be developed that contains nicotine or tobacco or a combination of the two are prohibited on any property owned, leased, or contracted by the District including, but not limited to: all schools, district offices, practice fields, playgrounds, football fields, baseball fields, softball fields, pool areas, soccer fields, tennis courts and all open areas at any time. All uses of tobacco are also prohibited from District-owned vehicles including, but not limited to: school buses, vans, trucks, cars, etc. at any time.

No student is permitted to possess any tobacco product, paper used to roll cigarettes, lighters or other paraphernalia at any time.

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Tobacco Promotion Prohibited

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored and school purchased publications, and at all school-sponsored events. Tobacco promotional items that promote the use of tobacco products, including but not limited to: clothing, bags, lighters and other articles are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored events. Sponsorships, gifts, grants and tobacco prevention materials provided by tobacco companies or their subsidiaries are prohibited.

Enforcement

Students:

A student that possesses, smokes, or otherwise uses tobacco products during school hours, on school property, or school-sponsored activities will be subject to disciplinary action by the school which may include notification of law enforcement.

It is **unlawful** for any person under 18 years of age to knowingly possess any tobacco products. Any person under 18 years of age who violated the provisions of this subsection commits a noncriminal violation as provided in F.S. 569.11(1).

Law enforcement officers are authorized to issue citations to anyone violating the provisions of this act.

Violations will constitute a civil infraction, punishable by a fine, and/or community services and student must successfully complete an anti-tobacco program, where available.

Parental / guardian notification will occur with any violation of this policy.

Additionally, any tobacco product found in the possession of a minor shall be confiscated and discarded.

Employees:

Disciplinary actions will be taken against District personnel found in violation of this policy as outlined in the Agreement Between the Baker County School Board and the Baker County Education Association.

Visitors:

Visitors who are observed smoking or using tobacco products will be informed about the Tobacco-Free Schools Policy and will be asked by anyone in the school to refrain from smoking or using tobacco products.

If the individual fails to comply with the request, his or her violation of policy shall be referred to the administrator for the area in which the violation occurred. The administrator will make a decision on further action, which may include a directive to

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leave the school property. In extreme cases of resistance or non-compliance, assistance may be sought from the police department.

Disciplinary action will be taken against school visitors, contracted vendors or volunteers found in violation of the policy. Such action may include:

- Verbal notification of policy
- May be asked to leave property
- Removal from school property

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1001.41; 1001.42

LAWS IMPLEMENTED:

386.201 – 386.209; 386.212, 569.11, 1001.43, F.S.

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