

**Avon Local School District**  
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**Tobacco Use by Students**

The Board is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for its staff, students, and citizens. Health professionals have determined that tobacco products pose health hazards to both users and nonusers, and that often tobacco use begins by the age of 18. The Board therefore adopts this 100% tobacco-free policy for students.

For the purpose of this policy, “tobacco” is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, alternative nicotine product, electronic cigarette and any other smoking product, and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew and snuff, in any form.

**Tobacco Use Prohibited**

No student is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip or chew tobacco at any time, including non-school hours:

1. in any building, facility or vehicle owned, leased, rented, or chartered by the District;
2. on school grounds, athletic facilities, or parking lots;
3. in areas directly or indirectly under the control of the District or immediately adjacent to locations of ingress or egress to such facilities; or
4. at any school-sponsored event on or off District premises.

Additionally, no student is permitted to possess cigarettes, other tobacco products, papers used to roll cigarettes, lighters or other paraphernalia at any time.

**Providing Notice**

“No Tobacco” signs will be posted throughout the District at entrances and other appropriate locations in all academic buildings, administrative spaces and athletic fields. Students are provided notice of this policy through student handbooks. District vehicles will display the international “No Smoking” insignia. Announcements will be made during home athletic events both before the event and during intermission, as well

as at all school functions where deemed appropriate. School programs will include a written reminder of the no tobacco use on District property policy.

Students and parents are given copies of the standards of conduct and statement of disciplinary sanctions, and notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory.

### **Enforcement**

Disciplinary measures taken against students for violations of this policy comply with legal requirements and related District policies and regulations. Specific measures are outlined in the student code of conduct.

### **Educational Reinforcement**

Tobacco use prevention education is closely coordinated with the other components of the school health program. Staff responsible for teaching tobacco use prevention education have adequate pre-service training and participate in ongoing professional development activities to effectively deliver the education program. Preparation and professional development activities provide basic knowledge about the effects of tobacco use and effects of peer pressure on tobacco use combined with skill practice in effective instructional techniques and strategies and program-specific activities.

CROSS REFS.: Student Handbooks

## **No Tobacco Use on District Property by Staff Members**

The Board is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for its staff, students, and citizens. Health professionals have determined that tobacco products pose health hazards to both users and nonusers, and that often tobacco use begins by the age of 18. The Board recognizes that staff and school visitors serve as role models to students and, therefore, adopts this 100% tobacco-free policy.

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### **Tobacco Use Prohibited**

No staff member or volunteer is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip or chew tobacco at any time, including non-school hours:

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2. on school grounds, athletic facilities or parking lots;
3. in areas directly or indirectly under the control of the District or immediately adjacent to locations of ingress or egress to such facilities; or
4. at any school-sponsored event on or off District premises.

### **Tobacco Advertisements**

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored publications and at all school-sponsored events.

### **Providing Notice to Staff**

“No Tobacco” signs will be posted throughout the District at entrances and other appropriate locations in all academic buildings, administrative spaces and athletic fields. District staff will be provided notice of this policy through staff handbooks. District vehicles will display the international “No Smoking” insignia.

### **Enforcement**

Disciplinary measures taken against staff for violations of this policy comply with the requirements of State law, related District policies and regulations and/or the staff negotiated agreements.

### **Educational Reinforcement**

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## **No Tobacco Use on District Property**

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products pose health hazards to both users and nonusers, and that often tobacco use begins by the age of 18. The Board therefore, adopts this 100% tobacco-free policy on District property.

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### **Tobacco Use Prohibited**

No volunteer or school visitor is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip or chew tobacco at any time, including non-school hours:

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### **Enforcement**

Citizens failing to comply with this policy are educated as to the Board’s policy on smoking. Persons refusing to extinguish smoking materials are directed to leave school property and may be fined by the Ohio Department of Health or its designees.

