

POLICY

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SUBJECT: SMOKING, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS (MARIJUANA) USE

The following actions are prohibited on school grounds and at school functions: smoking, vaping, using tobacco products, and/or using or ingesting any form of cannabis.

Smoking and vaping are prohibited within 100 feet of the entrances, exits, or outdoor areas of any of the District's schools. However, this prohibition does not apply to smoking or vaping in a residence, or within the real property boundary lines of residential real property.

Exceptions may exist for authorized medical cannabis use.

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- a) "Electronic cigarette" (or "e-cigarette") means an electronic device delivering vapor inhaled by an individual user and includes any refill, cartridge, or any other component of such a device.
- b) "School function" means a school-sponsored or school-authorized extracurricular event or activity regardless of where the event or activity takes place, including any event or activity that may take place virtually or in another state.
- c) "School grounds" means any building, structure, or surrounding outdoor grounds, including entrances or exits, contained within the District's preschool, elementary, or secondary school's legally defined property boundaries as registered in the County Clerk's Office, as well as any vehicles used to transport children or school personnel.
- d) "Smoking" means the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other matter or substance containing tobacco, cannabis, or cannabinoid hemp.
- e) "Tobacco products" means cigarettes or cigars, bidis, chewing tobacco, powdered tobacco, nicotine water, or any other smoking products.
- f) "Vaping" means the use of an electronic cigarette.

NOTIFICATION

The District will prominently post signs prohibiting smoking and vaping on school grounds in accordance with applicable law. Appropriate District officials will inform individuals smoking or vaping in a non-smoking area that they are in violation of law and/or District policy.

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The District will communicate this policy to staff, students, parents/guardians, volunteers, visitors, contractors, and outside groups through means such as the District's *Code of Conduct*, student handbooks, newsletters, announcements, facilities use forms/agreements, and/or the prominent display of this policy in appropriate locations.

PROHIBITION OF TOBACCO PROMOTIONAL ITEMS/TOBACCO ADVERTISING

Tobacco promotional items (e.g., brand names, logos, and other identifiers) are prohibited:

- a. On school grounds;
- b. In any vehicles used to transport students or school personnel;
- c. At school functions;
- d. In school publications;
- e. On clothing, shoes, accessories, gear, and school supplies in accordance with the District's *Code of Conduct* and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

ENFORCEMENT

The prohibition of tobacco promotional items will be enforced in accordance with the District's *Code of Conduct* and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

The District will request, whenever possible, tobacco-free editions of periodical publications for school libraries and classroom use.

20 USC §§ 6081-6084 and 7971-7974

41 USC § 8101 et seq.

Education Law § 409

Penal Law § 222.10

Public Health Law §§ 1399-n, 1399-o, 1399-p, and 1399-aa

8 NYCRR §§ 155.5 and 156.3

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #3280 – Use of School Facilities, Materials, and Equipment
#6150 – Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Substances (School Personnel)
#6151 – Drug-Free Workplace
#7310 – Code of Conduct
#7320 – Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and Other Substances (Students)

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