STUDENTS

Smoking and the use of tobacco on school property is prohibited by federal law and hazardous to the health of students. It presents a safety hazard in the school. Smoking tobacco, using tobacco products, or possessing smoking or vapor products/materials is not permitted on school buses, in school buildings or on school grounds, or during any off-campus school related activity at any time by students.

Prohibited items include but are not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and tobacco or nicotine in any other form, including smokeless tobacco which is loose, cut, shredded, ground, powdered, compressed and leaf tobacco that is intended to be placed in the mouth without being smoked. Also prohibited are any devices that simulate tobacco or nicotine use (e.g., an electronic cigarette, vaporizer, vapor products, or any other electronic nicotine delivery system or any device capable of delivering nicotine or vapor products).

Students shall be advised of this policy in a manner deemed appropriate by the Building Principal. In addition, information about the hazards of smoking, using drugs and alcohol, and the use of vapor product/devices shall be included in the curriculum.

When a staff member finds a student in possession of or using tobacco or any smoking or vapor products/materials in violation of this policy, the student shall be disciplined by the administration on an individual basis. Disciplinary measures may include personal counseling, withholding of privileges and/or suspension for a period of up to ten (10) days. In all cases the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be advised and their cooperation shall be sought.

Given reasonable grounds for suspicion, school officials may search for and seize tobacco products brought onto buses or school property.

Organizations sponsoring activities on school property outside of regular school hours shall be made aware of this policy and shall be expected to take appropriate education and disciplinary measures. Failure to do so could result in cancellation of that organization’s privilege to use District facilities.

Legal References:
105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b
P.L. 103-227

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