

# **SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SRSD File: JICG**

## **TOBACCO / NICOTINE USE PROHIBITED**

### **Statement of Policy:**

State law prohibits the use of any tobacco product, E-cigarette, or liquid nicotine in any facility or upon any grounds maintained by the District. Students and minors are further prohibited from possessing such items in or upon any facility, school vehicle, or grounds owned or maintained by the Sanborn Regional School District.

### **A. Definitions:**

"Tobacco product(s)" means any product containing tobacco including, but not limited to, cigarettes, smoking tobacco, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipe tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and smokeless cigarettes.

"E-cigarette" means any electronic smoking device designed for the inhalation of a vapor containing a stimulant such as nicotine.

"Liquid nicotine" means any liquid product composed either in whole or in part of nicotine and manufactured for use with e-cigarettes.

"Facility" is any place which is maintained by the District. This definition shall include all administrative buildings and offices and areas within facilities supportive of instruction and subject to educational administration, including, but not limited to, lounge areas, passageways, rest rooms, laboratories, classrooms, study areas, cafeterias, gymnasiums, maintenance rooms, and storage areas.

"School grounds" are outside areas maintained by the District.

"School vehicle" is any vehicle being used to transport students and/or employees of the district for school-related activities, whether that vehicle is owned by the district or not. This definition will include school buses and vans.

## **B. Students:**

No student shall purchase, attempt to purchase, sell, attempt to sell, possess, or use any tobacco product, E-cigarette, or liquid nicotine in any facility, in any school vehicle or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District. Students are also prohibited from knowingly being in the presence of tobacco or nicotine products while the products are visible or in use, whether they are actively using these products or not.

Enforcement of the prohibition against students shall initially rest with building principals, or their designees, who may also report any violation to law enforcement, for possible juvenile, criminal or other proceedings as provided under state law. Additional consequences may be administered pursuant to printed student conduct rules.

## **C. Employees**

No employee shall use any tobacco product, E-cigarette, or liquid nicotine, in any facility, in any school vehicle or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District.

Initial responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with building principals, or their designees. Any employee(s) who violate(s) this policy is subject to disciplinary action which may include warning, suspension or dismissal. Violations may also be referred to appropriate law enforcement and/or other appropriate agencies for criminal or other proceedings as provided under state law.

## **D. All other persons**

No visitor, contractor, vendor or other member of the public, shall use any tobacco product, E-cigarette, or liquid nicotine in any facility, in any school vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District.

The building principal(s), and where appropriate, other site supervisor (athletic director, vehicle driver, etc.), or their designee(s), shall have the initial responsibility to enforce this section, by requesting that any person who is violating this policy to immediately cease the use of tobacco products, E-cigarette or liquid nicotine. After this request is made, if any person refuses to refrain from using such products in violation of this policy, the principal, site supervisor, or designee may contact the appropriate law enforcement agency(ies) for possible criminal or other proceedings as provided under state law.

## **E. Implementation and Notice - Administrative Rules and Procedures**

The Superintendent, working with the building principal(s), shall establish administrative rules and procedures to implement this policy, which rules and procedures may be building level and/or district-wide. Rules and procedures relating to student violations and resulting disciplinary consequences should be developed in consultation with building principal(s).

The Superintendent, working with the building principal(s), shall provide annual notice to employees, students and parents of the pertinent provisions of this policy (e.g., student or staff handbook) along with applicable administrative regulations and procedures, which may include prescribed consequences for violations of this policy. Such notice should include information that violation of this Policy could lead to criminal or other such proceedings.

Signs shall be placed by the District in all buildings, facilities and school vehicles stating that the use of tobacco products is prohibited.

**Related:**

See also: Policies: ADB, ADC, GBEC, GBED, JICH

**Legal Reference:**

RSA 155:64 – 76, Indoor Smoking Act

RSA 126-K:6, Possession and Use of Tobacco Products by Minors

RSA 126 – K:7, Use of Tobacco Products on Public Educational Facility Grounds Prohibited

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