



Responsible Office: Office of Operations

BOARD POLICY 7800

TOBACCO USE AND SMOKING PROHIBITED

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees (Board) adopts this Board Policy for the health, safety, and welfare of students, families, employees, volunteers, and visitors to Washoe County School District (District) property.

DEFINITIONS

1. "School building" means all buildings on the grounds of any public school.
2. "School property" means the grounds of any public school.
3. "Public School" means:
 - a. An elementary school is a public school in which grade work is not given above that included in the eighth grade, according to the regularly adopted state course of study.
 - b. A junior high or middle school is a public school in which the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grades are taught under a course of study prescribed and approved by the State Board. The school is an elementary or secondary school for the purpose of the licensure of teachers.
 - c. A high school is a public school in which subjects above the eighth grade, according to the state course of study, may be taught. The school is a secondary school for the purpose of the licensure of teachers.
 - d. A special school is an organized unit of instruction operating with approval of the State Board.

POLICY

1. This policy applies to smoking in any form, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, other chemical inhalation devices, and vapor products as defined in the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act and provisions enacted before the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act.

2. Smoking in any form, the use of tobacco products in any form, alternative nicotine products, other chemical inhalation devices, and vapor products is strictly prohibited, without exception, in the following locations:
 - a. In school buildings;
 - b. On school grounds; and
 - c. In school buses or vehicles.
3. Smoking in any form, the use of tobacco products in any form, alternative nicotine products, other chemical inhalation devices, and vapor products is prohibited inside any District building owned and used for District business, leased, or used by the District for District business.
 - a. The District may delegate a smoking location outside such a District building for employees, volunteers, and visitors, not students; and
 - b. A smoking location must be a reasonable distance from ingress or egress of the District building, so anyone using the building is not exposed to secondhand smoke.
4. The promotion of smoking in any form, the use of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, other chemical inhalation devices, and vapor products is prohibited at all District properties.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

1. This Board Policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to include:
 - a. NRS 202.2483, Smoking prohibited in certain areas; voluntary creation of nonsmoking areas; local regulation; posting signs; removal of paraphernalia; enforcement; retaliation prohibited;
 - b. NRS 202.2485, Definitions;
 - c. NRS 202.249, Smoking tobacco: Declaration of public policy; enforcement; imposition of more stringent restrictions;
 - d. NRS 202.2491, Smoking tobacco: Unlawful in certain public places; posting signs; designation of areas for smoking; and
 - e. NRS 388.020, Kinds of public schools.

REVISION HISTORY

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