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Policy Manual

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900 Community

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Tobacco Use

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### **Purpose**

The Board recognizes that tobacco use on school property presents a health and safety hazard, which can have serious consequences for both users and nonusers and the safety and environment of the schools.

### **Definitions**

For purposes of this policy, tobacco use shall be defined as use and/or possession of tobacco or tobacco-related items/devices including but are not limited to: a lighted or unlighted cigarette, electronic cigarettes and/or smoking devices, cigar, pipe, other smoking product or material, smokeless tobacco in any form, and/or tobacco-related items/devices.

For the purposes of this policy, electronic cigarettes are defined any oral device or products that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine, lobelia, and/or other substance, and the uses or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term shall include any such devices, whether they are manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vaporizers, or under any other product name or descriptor.

For the purpose of this policy, tobacco-related items/devices shall mean cigarettes, cigars, papers, lighters, pipes, hookahs, electronic cigarettes, including any components parts, or accessories or electronic cigarettes, including cartridges, and any instrument used for inhaling tobacco smoke, and/or any item that contains nicotine.

For the purpose of this policy, tobacco means any substance, material or product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended or used for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component, part, or accessory of tobacco, and any other kinds and forms of tobacco.

### **Authority**

In order to protect students and staff from an environment that may be harmful to them, and because the Board cannot even by indirection, condone the use of tobacco because of its possible harm to personal well-being, the Board prohibits possession, use or sale of tobacco, by visitors at any time in a school building and on any property, buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school district.

### **Guidelines**

Visitors who fail or otherwise refuse to adhere to this policy will be asked to leave the premises and may be subject to temporary or permanent exclusion from school grounds.

Nothing in this policy shall preclude the district administration from pursuing any other actions under state or municipal laws, ordinances, fire codes, BOCA Codes or other applicable laws or regulations.