

**Community Relations****Smoking**

The Board of Education is convinced, on the basis of substantial scientific and medical evidence, that smoking poses a serious hazard to the health of smokers and non-smokers alike. In addition, the Board believes that a school system, as an institution committed to the positive growth and development of young people that it serves.

For the purpose of this policy, the term "smoking" includes the use of vapor products and electronic devices that simulate smoking by delivering nicotine or other substances by the inhalation of a vapor.

**Students**

There shall be no smoking or any other unauthorized use of tobacco by students in any school building, while on school grounds, while in a school vehicle, or off school grounds when the student is subject to the supervision of designated school personnel, such as when the student is at any school function, extracurricular event, field trip, or school related activity such as a work-study program. These smoking and unauthorized use of tobacco restrictions shall apply at all times regardless of whether or not school is in session.

An ongoing program of student support and counseling will be offered to provide support for students who wish to break the smoking habit.

**Staff and Public**

It is the policy of the Board of Education, consistent with Connecticut General Statutes, to prohibit smoking within school buildings, within child care centers, and on school grounds at all times. Breaks by employees to smoke or use tobacco products are considered recreational activities. If an employee takes a break from work to smoke or use tobacco products or leaves school grounds at any time for any reason other than district business, including to smoke or use tobacco products, he/she will not be considered to be acting within the normal course and scope of employment.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

19a-342 Smoking prohibited in certain places. Signs required. Penalties.

21a-242 Schedules of controlled substances.

53-198 No smoking on buses

14-275c-2 Regulations of Department of Transportation

Public Act 19-13 An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products to Persons Under Age Twenty-One

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