

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS – CENTENNIAL BOCES

To promote the general health, welfare, and well-being of students and staff, smoking, chewing, or any other use of any tobacco products by staff, students, and members of the public is prohibited on all Centennial BOCES property.

Possession of any tobacco product by students is also prohibited on Centennial BOCES property.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

1. “Centennial BOCES property” means all property owned, leased, rented, or otherwise used or contracted by Centennial BOCES including but limited to the following:
 - a. All indoor facilities and interior portions of any Centennial BOCES building or other structure. The term does not apply to buildings used primarily as residences, i.e., teacherages.
 - b. All Centennial BOCES grounds over which Centennial BOCES exercises control including areas surrounding any building, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas.
 - c. All vehicles used by Centennial BOCES for transporting students, staff, or other persons.
 - d. At a Centennial BOCES-sanctioned activity or event.
2. “Tobacco product” means:
 - a. Any product that contains nicotine or tobacco or is derived from tobacco and is intended to be ingested or inhaled by or applied to the skin of an individual, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, and chewing tobacco; or liquid nicotine/e-liquids; and
 - b. Any electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo or pipe.
 - c. “Tobacco product” does not include any product that has been approved by the appropriate federal agency as a tobacco use cessation product.
3. “Use” means lighting, chewing, smoking, ingesting, inhaling, vaping or application of any tobacco product.

Signs will be posted in prominent places on all Centennial BOCES property to notify the public that smoking or other use of tobacco products is prohibited in accordance with Centennial BOCES’ policy. This policy will be published in all employee and student handbooks, posted on bulletin boards, and announced in staff meetings.

Any member of the general public considered by the executive director or designee to be in violation of this policy will be instructed to leave Centennial BOCES property. Employees found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Disciplinary measures for students who violate this policy will include in-house detention, revocation of privileges, and exclusion from extracurricular activities. Repeated violations may result in suspension from school. In accordance with state law, no student will be expelled solely for tobacco use.

LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. 7971 et seq. prohibits smoking in any indoor facility used to provide educational services to children
C.R.S. 18-13-121 furnishing tobacco products to persons under 21
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(bb) policy required prohibiting use of tobacco products on school grounds
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I)(H) policy required as part of safe schools plan
C.R.S. 25-14-103.5 (tobacco use prohibited on school property)
C.R.S. 25-14-301 Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Act

CROSS REF.: KFA, Public Conduct on Centennial BOCES Property

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