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TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL FOR STAFF

Smoking, chewing or any other use of any tobacco products by staff shall be prohibited on school property.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "School property" shall mean all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by a school including but not limited to the following:
 - a. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage;
 - b. Any indoor facility or portion of such facility owned or leased or contracted for and used for the provision of regular or routine health care, day care, or early childhood development services;
 - c. All vehicles used by the division for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" shall include cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both. "Tobacco" shall include cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "Smoking" means the carrying or holding of any lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, or any other lighted smoking equipment or the lighting, inhaling, or exhaling of smoke from a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind.

This policy shall be published in student and employee handbooks, posted on bulletin boards and announced in meetings.

Each principal shall post signs stating "No Smoking," or containing the international "No Smoking" symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a bar across it, clearly and conspicuously in every school cafeteria and other dining facility in the school.

Staff and students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The School Board may direct the superintendent to issue regulations designating smoking areas on school grounds outside buildings.

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Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. section 6083 (Federal law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility used to provide educational services to children), 7183

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 15.2-2820, 15.2-2824, 15.2-2827.

Cross References: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, section 15.2-2800 et.seq.
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