

Tobacco Free Schools

The Bismarck School Board is dedicated to providing a healthy environment for staff, students and citizens. Because the use of tobacco is a highly addictive habit usually begun in the adolescent and teen years, the most effective means toward achieving a tobacco-free generation will be prevention of tobacco use by youth through education, positive adult role models and aggressive action to limit and confine available tobacco areas.

Definitions

“District property” includes all property, both indoor and outdoor, that is owned or leased by the district, including but not limited to, all buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, parking lots, and vehicles.

“Tobacco products” includes any product that contains tobacco, is derived from tobacco or contains nicotine (or lobelia), that is intended for human consumption, or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. The term “tobacco products” includes e-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices, but does not include any cessation product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use as a medical treatment to reduce and eliminate nicotine or tobacco dependence.

Rationale for Regulating Possession and Use

Use of tobacco products is the leading cause of preventable death and disability in North Dakota. The health hazards of tobacco use have been well established and studies have shown that nearly 90% of current smokers began as teenagers.

Tobacco Prohibitions

Student possession and/or use of tobacco products on district property and at school-sponsored events (whether on or off district property) is prohibited at all times. Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in and on all district properties and at district events at all times.

Responsibility for Adhering to Policy and Reporting Violations

All individuals on the district’s property share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Violators should be reported to the appropriate building or district official. The District shall only investigate and respond to violations of this policy when it has actual notice of them.

Response to Violations

Students and staff shall be subject to disciplinary action for violations. Citizens who use tobacco products on school property shall be asked to refrain or leave the premises.

Cessation Service Requests

Bismarck School employees and students who are tobacco users may request District assistance in seeking a Center For Disease Control-endorsed cessation program.

Gifts and Promotional Material from Tobacco Industry

Acceptance of promotional products, materials, gifts, or funds from the tobacco industry is prohibited.

Authority to Develop Regulations

The Superintendent may develop regulations for the enforcement and implementation of this policy.

Communication

This policy will be placed on the website and further communicated through district student handbooks.

Complementary Documents

- DEAA, Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace
- FF, Student Conduct and Discipline
- FGDE, Student Distribution and Posting of Non-Curricular Material
- HDD, Gifts and Bequests
- KAAA, Visitors in Schools
- KAAA-AR, Visitors in Schools Regulations
- KAAD, Distribution of Non-Curricular Material in Schools

End of Bismarck Public School District Policy ABBA

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