

Policy

SMOKING PROHIBITION

The board of education believes that the right of persons to smoke must be balanced against the right of those who do not smoke to breathe air untainted by tobacco smoke. In order to protect pupils and employees who choose not to smoke from an environment noxious to them and potentially damaging to their health, the board prohibits smoking in all district buildings and on school grounds.

Notice of this policy shall be given at each school entrance and at appropriate locations on school grounds in accordance with law. Smoking shall not be permitted at any time in classrooms, lecture halls, auditoriums or anywhere else on school grounds.

The principal of each school building is authorized to report violations, in accordance with law, to the board of health. Pupils and district employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures. The chief school administrator shall prepare and the board shall adopt regulations prohibiting smoking in all district buildings and on school grounds.

Definition: For purposes of this policy, "smoking" means the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco. Chewing tobacco is also specifically prohibited by this policy.

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Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:3D-15 through -21	Legislative findings and declarations ... (smoking in educational institutions)
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 30:5B-5.3	Smoking in child care centers prohibited
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:22-9.1(a)4	Policies and procedures
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-3.1(a)7	Establishment of comprehensive alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse programs

P.L. 103-227, GOALS 2000: Educate America Act (Pro Children Act of 1994)

Cross References:

*1250	Visitors
*1330	Use of school facilities
*4119.23	Employee substance abuse
*4219.23	Employee substance abuse
*5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)