

**DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT'S POLICY FOR TOBACCO USE****Definitions**

For purposes of this policy:

- *Electronic smoking device* means any device that can be used to deliver aerosolized or vaporized nicotine to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen or e-hookah. Smokeless tobacco means any snuff or chewing tobacco.
- *Possession of Tobacco Products means:*
  - a. Actual physical possession of the tobacco product while on school property;
  - b. Use or consumption of the tobacco product while on school property;
  - c. Tobacco product located in the student's locker, car, handbag, backpack, or other belongings while on school property; or
  - d. Appearance by a student on school property after having consumed or ingested the tobacco product that is noticeable by breath odor.
- *Smoking* means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco, nicotine, or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookah and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device.
- School property is defined in NDCC 15.1-19-10 (6)(b) as all land within the perimeter of the school site and all school buildings, structures, facilities, and school vehicles, whether owned or leased by a school district, and the site of any school-sponsored event or activity.
- *Tobacco product* means any product that is made from or derived from tobacco, or that contains nicotine, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus. Tobacco product also includes any electronic smoking device.
- *Tobacco use* means smoking and the heating, inhaling, chewing, absorbing, dissolving or ingesting any tobacco product.

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~~For purposes of this policy, tobacco is defined to include any product that contains tobacco, is manufactured from tobacco, or contains nicotine. This excludes any FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy.~~

**Rationale for Regulating Possession & Use**

The health hazards of tobacco use have been well established. This policy is established to:

1. Reduce the high incidence of tobacco use in North Dakota.
2. Protect the health and safety of all students, employees, and the general public.
3. Set a non-tobacco-use example by adults.

4. Assist in complying with smoking restrictions in state and federal law (NDCC 23-12-10 and 20 U.S.C. 7973).

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disability in North Dakota. To support and model a healthy lifestyle for our students, the Dickinson Public School District School Board establishes the following tobacco-free policy.

### **Use & Possession Prohibitions**

1. **Students:** Possession and/or use of tobacco products by students on district property, ~~in district vehicles, and at school-sponsored events (whether on or off district property)~~ is prohibited at all times.
2. **Staff/Visitors:** The use of tobacco products by all school employees and visitors on district property, ~~in district vehicles, and at school-sponsored events (whether on or off district property)~~ is prohibited.

This policy includes all events ~~sponsored by the school and all events~~ on school property that are not sponsored by, or associated with, the school ~~at all times~~.

3. **Additional:** The District will not allow advertising of tobacco ~~products in school buildings, on school property, at school functions, on district property,~~ or in any school publications. This includes clothing that advertises tobacco products.

The District will not accept any gifts (such as curriculum, book covers, speakers, etc.) or funds from the tobacco industry.

### **Communicating to Students, Staff, & Public**

This policy will be printed in employee and the student handbooks. The District shall comply with all smoking prohibition posting requirements in NDCC 23-12-10.4 ~~and post such notices in other highly visible places in all district schools and property, such as, but not limited to: school playgrounds, athletic fields and school-sponsored events (on district property). Parents will be sent notification in writing, and the local media will be asked to communicate this tobacco-free policy communitywide.~~

### **Responsibility for Violations**

All individuals on the district's premises share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the enforcement and implementation of this policy.

### **Tobacco Cessation Services**

Individuals requesting assistance with tobacco cessation services will be referred to NDQuits, the North Dakota Department of Health multi-media tobacco cessation program. ~~This is a free cessation service provided to citizens of North Dakota.~~

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### **Complementary Documents**

- ABBA-AR Tobacco-Free Schools and Workplaces Administrative Regulation
- ABBA-BR, Violations by the Public
- DEAA, Drug & Alcohol Free Workplace

- FF, Student Conduct & Discipline
- FGDE, Student Distribution & Posting of Non-curricular Material
- HDD, Gifts & Bequests
- KAAA, Visitors in Schools
- KAAA-AR, Visitors in Schools Regulations
- KAAD, Distribution of Non-curricular Material in Schools

**End of Dickinson School District #1 Policy ABBA ..... Amended: 06/12/2017**