

NORTH DAKOTA'S COMPREHENSIVE MODEL SCHOOL POLICY FOR TOBACCO USE

Definitions

For purposes of this policy:

- *Electronic smoking device* means any product containing or delivering nicotine, or any other substance, whether natural or synthetic, intended for human consumption through the inhalation of aerosol or vapor from the product. Electronic smoking device includes, but is not limited to, devices manufactured, marketed, or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pens, e-hookahs, mods, tank systems, Juul, Suorin, or under any other product name or descriptor. Electronic smoking device also includes any component part of a product, whether or not marketed or sold separately, including, but not limited to, e-liquids, e-juice, cartridges, charging devices or pods.
- *Imitation tobacco product* means any edible non-tobacco product designed to resemble a tobacco product, or any non-edible non-tobacco product designed to resemble a tobacco product and intended to be used by children as a toy. Imitation tobacco product includes, but is not limited to, candy or chocolate cigarettes, bubble gum cigars, shredded bubble gum resembling chewing tobacco, pouches containing flavored substances packaged similar to snus, and shredded beef jerky in containers resembling snuff tins.
- *Lighter* means a mechanical or electrical device typically used for lighting tobacco products.
- *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. This excludes any FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy.
- *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 containing, made, or derived from tobacco, or that contains nicotine, whether synthetic or natural, that is intended for human

consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, including, but not limited to: a cigarette; electronic smoking device; cigar; little cigar; cheroot; stogie; perique; granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other smoking tobacco; cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; fine-cut and other chewing tobacco; shorts; snuff; snuff flour; snus; refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco; and other kinds and forms of tobacco. Tobacco product also includes any electronic smoking device.

- *Tobacco use* means smoking and the heating, inhaling, chewing, absorbing, dissolving or ingesting of any tobacco product.
- *Visitor* means any person subject to this policy that is not a district student or staff member. This includes school volunteers, independent contractors, individuals performing services on behalf of the District, and individuals attending school-sponsored events or activities.

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 and ensure a safe learning and working environment, the McKenzie County School Board establishes the following tobacco-free policy.

Prohibitions

Students are prohibited from possessing, using, consuming, displaying, promoting, or selling tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, imitation tobacco products, or lighters at any time on school property or at any school sponsored event or activity. In addition, students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited from possessing or using tobacco products at any time, on and off school property, as directed by district policy (FFE) and the North Dakota High School Activities Association bylaws.

District staff and visitors are prohibited from using, consuming, displaying, activating, promoting, or selling tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, imitation tobacco products, or lighters at any time on school property or at any school sponsored event or activity. This policy includes all events on school property that are not sponsored by, or associated with, the school.

The District shall not promote or allow promotion of tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, imitation tobacco products, or lighters on school property, at any school sponsored event or activity, or in any school publications. This includes promotion of these products via gear, technology accessories, bags, clothing, any personal articles, signs, structures, vehicles, flyers or any other materials.

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

Exceptions

It shall not be a violation of this policy for an individual to possess or provide tobacco, electronic smoking devices, imitation tobacco products, or lighters to any other individual as part of a genuine indigenous practice or a lawfully recognized religious, spiritual, or cultural ceremony or practice off of school property. It shall not be a violation of this policy to use a tobacco product as part of an educational experience related to indigenous tobacco practices when such use and education experience has been approved by administration.

It shall not be a violation of this policy for tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, imitation tobacco products, or lighters to be included in an instructional or work-related activity on school property if the activity is conducted by a staff member or an approved visitor, the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the tobacco product, and has been approved by administration.

It shall not be a violation of this policy for non-students 18 years and older to use or possess a product that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product, as a tobacco dependence product, or for other medical purposes, and is being marketed and sold solely for such an approved purpose.

Communicating to Students, Staff, & Public

The District shall comply with all smoking prohibition posting requirements in law. Appropriate signage shall be posted throughout the district at building entrances and other highly visible locations on school property, such as, but not limited to, school buildings, district vehicles, vehicular entrances to school grounds, school playgrounds, and all indoor and outdoor athletic facilities. Signage shall indicate that the McKenzie County School District is tobacco-free. This policy will be printed in employee and student handbooks. Parents and/or guardians shall be notified of this policy, and the local media may 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 (ABBA-AR).

Prevention Education

The District may consult with the county health department and other applicable health organizations to provide students with age-appropriate tobacco prevention information that follows the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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.

Evaluation

The Board shall review this policy at regular intervals, at least once a year, to determine whether policies and practices are properly implemented and effective.

Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- ABBA-BR, Tobacco-Free Policy Violations
- DE, Staff Code of Conduct
- DEAA, Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace
- FF, Student Conduct & Discipline
- FFE, Extracurricular Participation Requirements
- 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 McKenzie County School District #1 Policy ABBA

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