

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The Board recognizes its responsibility to abide by the laws and regulations of the federal, state, county and municipal governments for the safety, welfare, security, and health of the staff, students and visitors of the district. Therefore, the utilization of tobacco products is prohibited on the district grounds and in facilities.

MISSION STATEMENT: To establish a successful non-usage of tobacco products policy for the Pattonville School District staff and students, which promotes safety, welfare, security, and health.

The issues to consider in achieving the mission are as follows:

1. Improvement of health and welfare of staff, students, and visitors.
2. Provide greater protection of property, equipment, and supplies of the district.
3. Comply with federal state, county, and municipal laws and regulations.
4. Minimize the district's legal liabilities relative to the use of tobacco products.
5. Reduce the health and economic consequences of use of tobacco products for the individual and the school district.

Action to achieve the mission would include:

1. Prohibit the use of tobacco products throughout the organization.
2. Establish volunteer smoking cessation programs.
3. Establish support groups for former smokers.
4. Establish incentive programs to encourage non-smoking.
5. Address the issue of tobacco products in the health education curriculum at all grade levels.

District Code:

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

All district facilities and grounds are smoke-free environments.

1. The use of tobacco products is prohibited in district buildings, in district vehicles, and on district grounds.
2. Employees while in the presence of students and/or being compensated by the school district are further prohibited from tobacco use on district field trips, activities, and athletic events at locations away from school.

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