

USE OF TOBACCO

The School Board is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for students, staff, and citizens. The Board supports the provisions of the Indiana Clean Indoor Air Law, effective on September 1, 1987, and as such, remains committed to the notion of reducing involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke among students and staff. The Board believes that it is the right of the non-smoker to breathe clean air. The Board believes that the use of tobacco products in a school building denies students, staff, and visitors access to clean air, introduces a substantial health hazard to those persons, and interferes with learning and teaching.

The Board also believes that education has a central role in establishing patterns of behavior related to good health, and shall take measures to help students and staff to resist tobacco use. Moreover, the Board recognizes and supports the positive impact and the importance of adult role modeling for students during their formative years in a tobacco-free environment.

It is the intent of the Board to create a “healthy” school environment. Appropriately, the Board shall prohibit the use of or possession of all tobacco products by students in school buildings, on school grounds, and in school-owned vehicles.

The implementation of this policy shall be designed primarily to enhance health and safety for all students, and to promote air cleanliness in all school buildings and all school-owned vehicles in which students, staff, and patrons travel to and from school events.

The penalty in cases where students are caught smoking or using tobacco during school hours on school premises or on school sponsored field trips shall be:

1. The student shall be suspended for a period of three (3) school days.
2. The parents or guardians will be notified by mail or phone call.
3. Continued violation could result in expulsion from school. Students are not to bring any form of tobacco into the building or on school premises.