

## **Community Relations**

### **Smoking**

The Board of Education is convinced, on the basis of substantial scientific and medical evidence, that smoking poses a serious hazard to the health of smokers and non-smokers alike. In addition, the Board believes that a school system, as an institution committed to the positive growth and development of young people that it serves.

For the purpose of this policy, the term “smoking” includes the use of vapor products and electronic devices that simulate smoking by delivering nicotine, cannabis or other substances by the inhalation of a vapor as well as the lighting or carrying of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or similar device regardless of the content of the cigarette, cigar, pipe or similar device.

### **Students**

There shall be no smoking or any other unauthorized use of tobacco and/or cannabis by students in any school building or school vehicle at any time, or on any school grounds or at any time when the student is subject to the supervision of designated school personnel, such as when the student is at any school function, extracurricular event, field trip, or school related activity such as a work-study program.

An ongoing program of student support and counseling will be offered to provide support for students who wish to break the smoking habit.

### **Staff and Public**

It is the policy of the Board of Education, consistent with Connecticut General Statutes, to prohibit smoking both within school buildings or otherwise on school grounds at all times. Breaks by employees to smoke or use tobacco products are considered recreational activities. If an employee takes a break from work to smoke or use tobacco products or leaves school grounds at any time for any reason other than district business, including to smoke or use tobacco products, he/she will not be considered to be acting within the normal course and scope of employment.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. §§ 7181-7184 The Pro Children Act of 2001

Connecticut General Statutes: 19a-342 Smoking prohibited in certain places. Signs required. Penalties.

19a-342 Use of electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product prohibited. Exceptions. Signage required. Penalties.

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Connecticut General Statutes:           2 la-242 Schedules of controlled substances.  
  
  53-198 No smoking on buses  
  
  14-275c-2 Regulations of Department of Transportation  
  
  Public Act 21-1, An Act Concerning Responsible and  
  Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis

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