

Santa Rosa County School District – Comprehensive Tobacco Free School Campus Policy -2012-2013 DRAFT

Rationale

It is the Santa Rosa County School Board's responsibility to provide a safe and healthy learning environment free from exposure to known carcinogens, and one in which adults are role models for healthy behavior. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products both to users and non-users, and that most tobacco use begins before the age of eighteen. Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in Florida. Comprehensive school policies to prevent tobacco use are an effective strategy to reduce tobacco use in the state. The Board recognizes that District personnel and school visitors also serve as role models to students and, therefore, adopts this 100 percent Tobacco Free School Policy to endorse a healthy lifestyle and prevent tobacco possession or use.

Definition

For the purpose of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include but not limited to: any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, cigarillo, hookah, and any other smoking product, and any smokeless or spitless tobacco also known as dip, chew, snuff, snus, orbs, and strips, sticks, or electronic cigarette in any form.

All components of this policy are effective 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. This includes all days when school is not in session and at any school sponsored event off campus. This policy applies to all students, staff, faculty, volunteers, contracted vendors and school visitors.

Tobacco Possession Prohibited

Possession or any use of tobacco of any kind (as described above) or those products that may be developed containing nicotine or tobacco or a combination of the two are prohibited on any property owned, leased, or contracted by the District or within a 1000 feet of District property, including, but not limited to: all schools, district offices, practice fields, playgrounds, football fields, baseball fields, softball fields, pool areas, soccer fields, tennis courts and all open areas at any time. Possession or use of tobacco are also prohibited from District-owned vehicles including, but not limited to: school buses, vans, trucks, station wagons, cars, etc. at any time.

No student is permitted to possess or use any tobacco product, paper used to roll tobacco products or any other paraphernalia at any time while on District property as defined above.

Tobacco Promotion Prohibited

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored and school purchased publications, and at all school-sponsored events. Tobacco promotional items

that promote the use of tobacco products, including but not limited to: clothing, bags, lighters and other articles are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles or at school sponsored events. Sponsorships, gifts, grants and tobacco prevention materials provided by tobacco companies or their subsidiaries are prohibited.

Notice to Communicate Policy

Appropriate signs will be posted throughout the District at entrances and other appropriate locations on all academic grounds, administrative spaces, and athletic fields indicating that tobacco possession is not permitted. Students will be provided notice of this policy through student handbooks. District personnel will be provided notice of this policy through personnel handbooks. District vehicles will display clearly marked signage. This policy will also be available for review on District websites. Announcements will be made during home athletic events both before the event and at the mid-point or intermission of the event, as well as at school functions where deemed appropriate.

Enforcement

Enforcement of this policy for student, staff, school visitors, volunteer, and contracted vendors is outlined below. All enforcement efforts will use the opportunity to promote the tobacco cessation program to violators.

I. Enforcement Measures for Student Violations of School Board Policy:

The following disciplinary actions will be taken against **students** found in violation of this policy:

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency which will make a determination whether or not to issue a civil citation for each offense. This citation will include any appropriate fines as determined by law. Completion of tobacco education program and/or youth tobacco cessation program with certificate of completion presented as proof. Applicable program <https://www2.mdanderson.org/sapp/aspire/>
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of one (1) day and the completion of a Santa Rosa County School District approved anti-tobacco course within five (5) calendar days for the first offense. Failure to complete the anti-tobacco course will result in two (2) additional days of out-of-school suspension and will count as the student's second tobacco product offense.
 - a. **Elementary school students only** for first offense:
Either in-school suspension of the student for a period of three (3) days or out-of-school suspension for a period of one (1) to three (3) days.
3. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of three (3) days for a second offense.

4. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of up to five to ten (5-10) days the third and subsequent offenses.
5. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension in accordance with out-of school suspension procedures.

Subsequent infractions of this statute and policy may result in the expulsion of the student.

Tobacco Products: Facsimile

A student in possession or using a facsimile tobacco product /item including but not limited to electronic cigarettes, tobacco free snuff, herbal tobacco-like products or nicotine/tobacco cessation products.

1. Discipline according to the school's discipline plan up to and including out-of-school suspension.
2. Notification of parents/guardians of discipline.

Educational Reinforcement

Tobacco prevention education shall be taught at appropriate levels and address the social and psychological causes of tobacco use. Tobacco prevention education shall be consistent with the District Plan for Comprehensive Health Education.

II. Enforcement Measures for District Personnel Violations of School Board Policy:

The following disciplinary actions will be taken against **District personnel** found in violation of this policy:

- 1st Offense:
 - Documented Counseling by administrator or designee
 - Referral to tobacco cessation program or service
- 2nd Offense:
 - Documented Counseling by administrator or designee
 - Referral to tobacco cessation program or service
 - Required presentation of proof of tobacco program utilization
- 3rd Offense:
 - Written notification placed in personnel file
 - Referral to tobacco cessation program or service with proof of utilization required

III. Enforcement Measures for School Visitors, Contracted Vendors or Volunteers in Violation of School Board Policy:

The following disciplinary actions shall be taken against **school visitors, contracted vendors or volunteers** found in violation of this policy:

- Step 1: Verbal notification of "Tobacco-Free" policy and asked to discontinue use of the tobacco product, accompanied by cessation service information
- Step 2: Removal from school property or, if off-campus, removal from school activity
- Step 3: If the person continues to refuse, additional measures will be addressed by administrative personnel and/or law enforcement.

Legal References

Sections 230.22(1)(2), 230.32(3), 10001.41(2), 1001.42(17), Florida Statutes
Sections 386.202, 386.204, 386.212, Florida Statutes
20 U.S.C. 6081 et seq., 20 U.S.C. 7182