

SECTION 530    USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND OTHER DRUGS BY STUDENTS

The School Board recognizes that use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, alcoholic beverages and other drugs are serious health hazards that should be discouraged.

In accordance with state law as well as to provide an educational experience for students and to promote the wellness of students and employees, the use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, alcoholic beverages and other drugs by students, employees and others is prohibited on premises owned or rented by or under the control of the Board and in all vehicles owned or leased by the district. In addition, the use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages and other drugs by students is prohibited while participating in or attending school sponsored activities or events that take place off school premises (e.g. hockey games and field trips).

Students who are observed violating this policy shall be disciplined according to provisions in the student handbook. Employees who fail to abide by this policy shall be subject to progressive disciplinary measures.

Spectators or visitors who fail to abide by this policy shall be reminded by the principal, supervisor or his/her designee, of this policy and state law. If a spectator or visitor refuses to stop smoking or using tobacco products or e-cigarettes, he/she shall be asked by the principal, supervisor or his/her designee to leave school premises. Alcohol or drug use, or possession will be reported to appropriate law enforcement.

For purposes of this policy, smoking means carrying a lighted cigar, cigarette, e-cigarette, pipe or any other lighted smoking equipment.

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