

Tobacco Free Schools for Staff and Students

The Charles City School Board recognizes the use of tobacco products is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, employees, visitors, and school facilities. The Board believes that the use of tobacco products on school grounds, in school buildings and facilities, on school property or at school-sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff and visitors.

The Board acknowledges that adult employees and visitors serve as role models for students. The Board recognizes it has a responsibility to promote positive role models in school and to promote a healthy learning and working environment, free from unwanted smoke tobacco use, for students, employees and visitors on School Board property.

Possession, use and distribution of tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, nicotine-enhanced products, smoking, chewing or any other use of any tobacco products by staff, students, contractors and visitors is prohibited on school property. This policy includes all school premises, any school-sponsored event, whether on-or off-site and non-school hours.

For purposes of this policy,

1. "School property" means:
 - a. All school premises and School Board owned property, leased, contracted, rented property, all interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage, whether on or off site.
 - b. Any indoor facility or portion of such facility owned or leased or contracted for and used for the provision of regular or routine health care, day care, or early childhood development (Head Start) services;
 - c. All vehicles used, owned, leased, contracted by the division for transporting students/minors, staff, visitors or other persons, whether on or off site.
 - d. Any property surrounding building and structures, athletic grounds, parking lots, or any other outdoor property owned, leased or contracted by the division, both on and off site.
2. "Tobacco Products" includes cigarettes, blunts, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, electronic smoking devices, any other products containing nicotine as well as any accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product, such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, liquids used in electronic smoking devices, whether or not they contain nicotine.
3. "Tobacco Use means smoking, chewing, dipping, electronic smoking device use or any other use of tobacco products.

The superintendent will require principals to notify students, parents/guardians, staff, contractors and other school visitors annually of the tobacco-free policy in written materials, including, but

not limited to, handbooks, manuals, newspapers, websites and newsletters. Appropriate signage will be posted in buildings and on school property in a manner that adequately informs students, staff and visitors of the policy, including at entrances to school buildings and athletic events.

This policy shall be published in student and employee handbooks, posted on bulletin boards and announced in meetings.

Each principal shall post signs stating "No Smoking," or containing the international "No Smoking" symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a bar across it, clearly and conspicuously in every school cafeteria and other dining facility in the school.

Staff and students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Referrals to resources to help students and employees overcome tobacco use shall be provided to those who are found to be in violation of this policy.

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Legal Refs.: 20 U.S.C. §§ 6083, 7183.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 15.2-2820, 15.2-2824, 15.2-2825, 15.2-2827, 22.1-79.5, 22.1-279.6.

Cross Refs:

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| GBECA | Electronic Cigarettes |
| JFCH | Tobacco-Free School for Staff and Students |
| KG | Community Use of School Facilities |
| KGC | Use of Tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes on School Premises |