

## Community Relations

### Use of School Facilities

#### Smoke Free Environment

The possession, use, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages by any person at any time within the buildings or on the grounds of the public schools is prohibited.

In accordance with law and to promote the health and safety of all students staff, the District prohibits all employees, students and patrons from smoking using tobacco or tobacco products in all school facilities, buildings and buses or other District transportation at all times, including athletic events and meetings. This prohibition extends to all facilities the district owns/operates, contracts for or leases to provide educational services, routine health care, daycare or early childhood development services to children, as well as facilities in which services are not provided to children.

Tobacco includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine delivering systems, vapor products, chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; and any other tobacco or nicotine innovations.

**Electronic nicotine delivery system** means an electronic device that may be used to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or other substance to a person inhaling from the device, and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or other component of such device.

**Vapor product** means any product that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that may or may not include nicotine that is inhaled by the user of such product.

(cf. 1120 - Board of Education Meetings)

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 5131.6 - Drugs and Alcohol)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
 19a-342 Smoking prohibited in certain places. Signs required. Penalties.  
 21a-242 Schedules of controlled substances  
 P.A. 14-76 An Act Concerning the Governor's Recommendations Regarding Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Youth Smoking Prevention.  
 PL 107-110, Section 4303, "Nonsmoking Policy for Children's Services"  
 20 U.S.C. 7181-7184 The Pro Children Act of 2001

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