

4.15 TOBACCO AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES USE

~~The use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages during the school day and when in attendance at activities sponsored by the school is prohibited.~~

A. Rationale

Clay County District School Board is committed to promoting the general health, welfare, and well-being of our school community. The School Board recognizes that the use of tobacco, nicotine, marijuana products, and electronic vaping devices is harmful to the health and well-being of our students, employees, parents and our community.

B. Definitions

“Tobacco product” means any product that contains nicotine, synthetic nicotine, or tobacco or is derived from tobacco and is intended to be ingested, inhaled, or applied to the skin of an individual.

“Tobacco product” does not include any product that has been approved by the appropriate federal agency as a tobacco use cessation product.

“Use” means the lighting, chewing, smoking, inhaling, vaporizing, ingesting or application of any other tobacco substance.

C. Policy

The school board prohibits the use, distribution, gift, purchase, exchange, or sale of tobacco products of any kind or the use of electronic vaping devices by students, employees, parents, visitors, volunteers or any other person at any time on school board property or any other school board-sanctioned event.

No student shall be permitted to use, be under the influence of, possess, distribute, gift, purchase, exchange, or sell any tobacco product while on district property, at district or school-sanctioned activities or events, when students are being transported in vehicles dispatched by CCDS or one of its schools, and off school property when such conduct has a nexus to school or any district curricular or non-curricular activity or event.

While on school board property or at a school board-sanctioned event, no student or employee shall wear or display personal items that have imagery regarding tobacco or tobacco use.

D. Exceptions

Employees, parents, visitors or employees who are 21 or older may possess or use a product that has been approved by the FDA as a cessation product. Due to the wide range of nicotine levels available in tobacco cessation products, the school may request a written document from a medical provider, for anyone under the age of 18, detailing dosage recommendations for tobacco cessation product use.

All students, families, and community members are expected to be aware of the prohibited conduct addressed in district policy and comply with the prohibitions. Failure to comply may result in student discipline up to and including expulsion; or family member or community member trespass from district property.

E. Enforcement

Enforcement of this policy will comply Federal, State law and local ordinances. Enforcement for students will follow the School District Student Code of Conduct. Guidance for employee enforcement will follow the Employee Handbook. All visitors are subject to Federal, State law and local ordinances.

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