

SMOKING POLICY

I. Purpose

This document establishes the District's policy concerning the protection of air quality in order to protect the health, peace, safety, and general welfare of individuals on school district property, and at any school activity that is sponsored by the District. All related procedures and practices shall be based on this policy, and all District activities will be carried out consistently with this policy.

The District administration also recognizes the health problems related to both active smoking and exposure to secondary smoke. It also recognizes NRS 202.249 which provides that a school district may, with respect to the property, buildings, facilities, and vehicles of the school district, impose restrictions on the smoking, use, sale, distribution, marketing, display, or promotion of tobacco or products made or derived from tobacco or from any other plant product intended for inhalation.

- A. It is the policy of the District that using, smoking, or carrying lit tobacco products, "vapor" or "e-cigarettes," tobacco devices, or smokeless tobacco products is prohibited at any time on school district property and at any school activity sponsored by the District. For purposes of this policy, school district property includes any building used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance, or storage; the grounds and surrounding buildings; and all district-owned vehicles. This policy applies to all students, teachers, staff, and visitors.
- B. The District will not permit cigarette vending machines or the advertising of tobacco products, including "vapor" or "e-cigarettes," tobacco devices and smokeless tobacco, in any District building nor will it allow the sale of cigarettes, "vapor" or "e-cigarettes," smokeless tobacco products, or other smoking materials on District premises. In addition, no person representing the District may accept donations from tobacco companies.
- C. For the purposes of this policy, "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an "e-cigarette" which creates a vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this policy.

- D. For purposes of this policy, “e-cigarette” and “vapor cigarette” includes any electronic or oral device, such as one composed of a heating element, battery, and/or electronic circuit, which provides a vapor on nicotine or any other substances, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term shall include any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an “e-cigarette,” “e-cigar,” “e-pipe,” or under any other product name or descriptor.
- E. The District will take appropriate disciplinary actions for violations of this policy.
- F. Information concerning assistance for the cessation of tobacco use may be available through employee assistance programs.
- G. District Responsibilities

The District will ensure that signs notifying constituents of this policy are posted in appropriate areas on school district property and in district-owned vehicles.

Legal Reference:	NRS Chapter 202.249, 202.2483, and 202.2491, Crimes Against Public Health and Safety
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