

Community Relations

Smoke Free Environment

The Board recognizes that the use of tobacco and other similar stimulants in the school and work environments is not conducive to good health. As an educational organization, the Board provides both effective educational programs and a positive example to students concerning the use of tobacco.

The Board prohibits smoking, including smoking, using an electronic delivery system (e.g., e-cigarettes) or vapor product, within any of its schools, including any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for, and utilized by the Board, for the provision of routine or regular kindergarten, elementary, or secondary education or library services to children, , or on the grounds of such school, or at any school-sponsored activity.

For purposes of this policy, the term “electronic delivery system” shall mean an electronic device used in the delivery of nicotine or other substances 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 including, but not limited to, electronic cigarette liquid. The term “vapor product” shall mean 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 and is inhaled by the user of such product.

As defined by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-223A(h), a school-sponsored activity “shall mean any activity sponsored, recognized or authorized by the Board and includes activities conducted on or off school property.”

The Board further prohibits smoking including smoking using electronic nicotine delivery system (e.g., e-cigarettes) or vapor product on the real property of any administrative office building. Real property means the land and all temporary and permanent structures comprising the district’s administrative office building(s) and includes, but is not limited to storage facilities and parking lots.

Legal Reference:

- Public Act 19-13
- Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-233a(h)
- Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-342
- Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-342a
- Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53-344b
- Pro-Children Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 115 Stat. 1174, 20 U.S.C. § 7183

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