

Community Relations

Smoke Free Environment

The Stafford Board of Education is committed to educating, maintaining and improving the health and well-being of all employees, students, and visitors. Medical research shows that smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco products poses a significant health risk to smokers and non-smokers. In the face of overwhelming evidence about smoking as a health hazard, and in order to provide a safe and healthy environment, the Stafford Board of Education believes in a smoke/tobacco-free policy that represents an integral part of the Stafford Public Schools Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention Program.

It shall be the policy of the Board, therefore, that:

1. Smoking of any kind, including smoking using an electronic nicotine delivery system (e.g., e-cigarettes) or vapor product, and the use of tobacco products is prohibited in any building, transportation vehicle under the direction of the Board of Education, on school grounds or at any "school" sponsored event at any time.
2. Possession of any smoking material, chewing tobacco or any tobacco-like substance, of any kind, an electronic/non-electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product, chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances, and any other tobacco or nicotine innovations is prohibited in any building, transportation vehicle under the direction of the Board of Education, on school grounds or at any "school" sponsored event at any time. For the purposes of this policy, the term "electronic nicotine delivery system" shall mean 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, and 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 contain nicotine, that is inhaled by the user of such product.

Any individual found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action established by the administration.

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Smoke Free Environment (continued)

(cf. 5131.6 Smoke-Tobacco Free Learning Environment- Students)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

19a-342 Smoking prohibited in certain places

21a-242 Schedules of controlled substances.

Public Act 14-76, "An Act Concerning The Governor's Recommendations Regarding Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems And Youth Smoking Prevention"

Public Act 15-206, "An Act Regulating Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products"

20 U.S.C. §§ 7181-7184 The Pro Children Act of 2001

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