

STUDENTS

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - SMOKING

Smoking is hazardous to the health of students and may present a safety hazard in the schools. Smoking tobacco, cannabis, and/or possession of smoking materials (including cigarettes, electronic cigarettes/vaping or any non-medical inhalant devices, cigars or tobacco in any other form, including smokeless tobacco, which is any loose, cut, shredded, ground, powdered, compressed or leaf tobacco that is intended to be placed in the mouth without being smoked) by students is not permitted on school buses, in school buildings, or on school grounds at any time.

Students shall be advised of this policy in a manner deemed appropriate by the Building Principal. In addition, information about the hazards of tobacco use shall be included in the curriculum.

When a staff member finds a student in possession of smoking or vaping materials in violation of this policy, the student shall be disciplined by the administration on an individual basis. Disciplinary measures may include issuance of a police citation, personal counseling, withholding of privileges, suspension for a period of up to ten (10) days, and/or appropriate alternatives to suspension. In all cases, the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be advised and their cooperation shall be sought.

Given reasonable grounds for suspicion, school officials may search for and seize tobacco products or electronic cigarettes/vaping or any non-medical inhalant devices brought onto buses or school property.

Organizations sponsoring activities in the schools outside of regular school hours shall be made aware of this policy and shall be expected to take appropriate disciplinary measures. Failure to do so could result in cancellation of that organization's privilege to use District facilities.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 10-20.5b (105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b)

CROSS REF.: 465, 465.06, 500.25, 715.01, 830.03

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