

TEAYS VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO TOBACCO USE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY
(100% Tobacco-Free Schools)

The Board of Education has a duty to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students and staff. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products, both to the users and non-users, and that most tobacco use begins by the age of eighteen. The Board recognizes that district personnel and school visitors serve as role models to students and, therefore, adopts this 100% Tobacco-Free School Policy to endorse a healthy lifestyle and prevent tobacco use.

Definition

For the purpose of this policy “tobacco” is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking products, and both spit and spitless tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew and snuff in any form.

Tobacco Use Prohibited

No student, staff member, volunteer, or school visitor is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip, chew or use tobacco at any time, including non-school hours; in any building, facility or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the Teays Valley Local School District; or on the school grounds or athletic grounds.

No student, staff member, or volunteer is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip, chew or use tobacco at any time, including non-school hours, at any school-sponsored event off campus. Additionally, no student is permitted to possess cigarettes, other tobacco products, papers used to roll cigarettes, lighters or other paraphernalia at any time.

Tobacco Promotion Prohibited

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored publications and at all school-sponsored events. Tobacco promotional items that promote the use of tobacco products, including clothing, bags, lighters and other personal articles, are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles or at school-sponsored events.

Notice

Appropriate signs will be posted throughout the District at entrances and other appropriate locations on all academic buildings, administrative spaces, and athletic fields indicating that tobacco use is not permitted. Students will be provided notice of this policy through student handbooks, and district personnel will be provided notice of this policy through personnel handbooks. District vehicles will display the international “No Smoking” insignia. Announcements will be made during home athletic events both before the event and during intermission, as well as at all school functions where deemed appropriate. School programs will include a written reminder of the 100% Tobacco-Free school policy.

Enforcement

Disciplinary measures taken against students and staff for violations of this policy comply with the requirements of Ohio law and related district policies.

Enforcement of this policy is the responsibility of the District Administration.

Legal References

Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. 6081 Et seq. (1994)

OHIO REV.CODE ANN. 3313.20, 3313.47, 3791.031, 3794.01

and

3313.751 Prohibition against tobacco possession or use.

(A) As used in this section:

- (1) "School district" means a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district.
- (2) "Smoke" means to burn any substance containing tobacco, including a lighted cigarette, cigar, or pipe, or to burn a clove cigarette.
- (3) "Use tobacco" means to chew or maintain any substance containing tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, in the mouth to derive the effects of tobacco.

(B) No pupil shall smoke or use tobacco or possess any substance containing tobacco in any area under the control of a school district or an educational service center or at any activity supervised by any school operated by a school district or an educational service center.

(C) The board of education of each school district and the governing board of each educational service center shall adopt a policy providing for the enforcement of division (B) of this section and establishing disciplinary measures for a violation of division (B) of this section.

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**100 % Tobacco-Free Schools Approved @ TV Board of Education meeting
5/21/12**