

## COLCORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS TOBACCO FREE POLICY

The Colcord Schools Board of Education is committed to providing a healthy and productive environment for all persons using the school facilities. The Board of Education also recognizes that tobacco smoking and the environmental tobacco smoke (second hand smoke) have been shown to be linked to illnesses and disabilities, and that federal law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility or the grounds thereof, which is used to provide educational services to children. This policy is intended to improve the health and safety of all individuals using the schools.

Therefore effective beginning the 2013-2014 school term, smoking, chewing, or any other use of tobacco by staff, students, and members of the public is prohibited on, in, or upon any school property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including non school hours. This policy applies to all school sponsored events held on or off campus.

1. "School property" is defined as all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by any school in the district including but not limited to the following:

- A. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage. This also includes but is not limited to areas normally reserved for the exclusive use of faculty or support staff.
- B. All school grounds and buildings over which the school exercises control, including areas surrounding any buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas.
- C. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff visitors or other purposes.

2. "Tobacco" is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such a manner to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both, and includes cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.

**NEW:**

"Tobacco products" includes, but is not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, loose tobacco, rolling papers, chewing tobacco, snuff, matches, lighters, e-cigarettes, digital/personal vaporizers, electronic nicotine delivery systems and cartridges and products designed for use with electronic nicotine delivery systems, regardless of the nicotine content of the product.

3. "Use" is defined as lighting, chewing, dipping, inhaling, smoking any tobacco as defined within this policy.

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"Smoking" means the carrying by a person or having access to a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other lighted smoking article. Smoking also includes using products which mimic or simulate smoking behavior, regardless of whether such products actually contain tobacco. This prohibition includes but is not limited to e-cigarettes, digital/personal vaporizers, and electronic nicotine delivery systems.

All students, faculty, and staff are responsible for adhering to this policy. Employees are warned that the violation of this policy may lead to dismissal action. Patrons who violate this policy will be asked to leave the school premises. Students who violate this policy will be disciplined according to guidelines established by the board.

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President, Board of Education      Date

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Clerk, board of Education      Date