

## Policy

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**SMOKING PROHIBITION**

To promote the health and safety of all students and staff and to promote the cleanliness of school grounds, the Board prohibits all smoking or use of tobacco products in all school facilities and on all school grounds at all times. Definitions of "school facilities" and "school grounds" shall be in accord with definitions in the Administrative Code.

Notice of this policy shall be given at each school entrance and at appropriate locations on school grounds in accordance with law. Smoking shall not be permitted at any time in classrooms, lecture halls, auditoriums or anywhere else on school grounds.

The principal of each school building is authorized to report violations, in accordance with law, to the Board of health. Pupils and district employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures. The Chief School Administrator shall prepare and the Board shall adopt regulations prohibiting smoking in all district buildings and on school grounds.

Definition: For purposes of this policy, "smoking" means the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco. Chewing tobacco is also specifically prohibited by this policy.

**Date: May 23, 2011**

**Mandated:**

N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2(a)4 requires policies and procedures prohibiting smoking in public school buildings.

**Other Reasons:**

N.J.S.A. 26:3D-17 requires Boards to make and enforce regulations to prohibit smoking in district buildings or on school grounds except as part of a classroom instruction or a theatrical production. The federal GOALS 2000 legislation enhances state smoking prohibitions with a penalty of \$1000 a day for violators of these prohibitions. Waivers for "classroom instruction or theatrical productions" are no longer advisable.

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-3.1(a)7 requires regulations prohibiting smoking in accord with N.J.S.A. 26:3D-17.

A number of New Jersey townships and municipalities have also adopted ordinances restricting or prohibiting smoking on Board of Education property.

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**SMOKING PROHIBITION (Continued)**

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**Legal References:**

N.J.S.A. 26:3D-15  
through -21

Legislative findings and declarations ... (smoking in  
educational institutions)

N.J.S.A. 30:5B-5.3

Smoking in child care centers prohibited

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-3.1(a)7

Establishment of comprehensive alcohol, tobacco and  
other drug abuse programs

N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2(a)4

Policies and procedures for school facility operation

P.L. 103-227, GOALS 2000: Educate America Act (Pro Children Act of 1994)

**Key Words**

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