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Tobacco Use by Students

It is the school's obligation to protect the health, welfare and safety of students. In light of scientific evidence that the use of tobacco is hazardous to the health, and to be consistent with district curriculum and Nevada law, student possession, use, distribution or sale of tobacco in any form on district premises, at school-sponsored activities or otherwise while the student is under the jurisdiction of the district, is prohibited.

Violation of this policy will lead to appropriate disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Community or school service may be required. A referral to law enforcement and/or local public health or tobacco coalition may be made. Parents will be notified of all violations involving their student and subsequent action taken by the school. Information about cessation support and/or tobacco education programs and how students can access these programs will be provided. At the discretion of the building principal, attendance and completion of such programs, or successful completion of a behavior modification plan, may be allowed as a substitute for, or as part of student discipline.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. Sections 6081-6084.

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The following procedures will be used for students who violate the district's tobacco policy:

First Offense

Detention and conference with student's parent. During detention, the student will be provided with information concerning harmful effects of smoking and will be required to do further research on the effects of smoking.

Second Offense

Suspension (one day or more) and performance of service to school or community.

Third Offense

Out-of-school suspension, suspension from extracurricular activities for remainder of semester.

Consistent refusal or neglect to obey the rules may lead to expulsion. Due process procedures shall be followed.

Alternative to Discipline

As an alternative to discipline, students may be referred to a cessation and/or tobacco education class. Attendance at such classes is voluntary. Any cost related to cessation classes is the responsibility of the student and his/her parent. The district may also require the successful completion of a behavior modification plan.

Other

A referral to law enforcement and/or public health or tobacco coalition may be made at any time.