

GBEC/JFCH. TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

No persons (students, staff, contractors, visitors) are permitted to use or distribute any tobacco product at any time including non-school hours, in school property, on school premises, and at school-sponsored activities away from school grounds.

I. GENERALLY

For purposes of this policy:

1. "School property" means:
 - a. in any building, structure, or vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by the division, both on- and off-site
 - b. in any property surrounding buildings and structures, athletic grounds, parking lots, or any other outdoor property owned, leased, or contracted by the division, both on- and off-site
2. "Tobacco Product" includes cigarettes, cigars, blunts, bidis, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, electronic smoking devices, and any other products containing nicotine, as well as any component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product, such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, and liquids used in electronic smoking devices, whether or not they contain nicotine.
3. "Tobacco Use" includes smoking, chewing, dipping, electronic smoking device use, or any other use of tobacco products.

In addition, no student shall be permitted to possess a tobacco product under the circumstances described above – including while in school property, on school premises, at school-sponsored activities away from school grounds, or at any other time that students are under the authority of school personnel.

This policy shall be published in student and employee handbooks and posted on bulletin boards. Appropriate signage will be posted in buildings and on school property in a manner and location that adequately informs students, staff, and visitors of the policy, including at entrances to school buildings and athletic events.

Staff, students and visitors found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Referrals to resources to help staff and students overcome tobacco addictions shall be provided to those who are found to be in violation of this policy. Visitors using tobacco products will be asked to refrain or leave the premises.

Lawful possession or use of a tobacco-cessation product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration shall be permitted by staff as well as permitted by students following division policies for student self-administration of medications.

Legal Ref.:

20 U.S.C. §§ 6083, 7183.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 15.2-2820, 15.2-2824, 15.2-2827.

Cross Ref.:

CLA Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse

GBEC Tobacco-Free School for Staff and Students

JFC-R Standards of Student Conduct

KG Community Use of School Facilities

KGC Tobacco Use on School Premises

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