

VIGO COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
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SMOKING AND OTHER TOBACCO USE

The Board of School Trustees for the Vigo County School Corporation is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for students, staff and citizens. The Board remains committed to the position of reducing the risk of involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke by students, staff and patrons. It is the purpose of this policy to create a “tobacco-free” corporation environment.

Tobacco Use shall mean smoking, chewing or maintaining tobacco in one’s mouth to derive the effects of tobacco. **Electronic cigarettes* shall be considered a device that simulates smoking and are banned under this policy.**

Tobacco includes but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, nicotine delivering devices or any other tobacco or nicotine innovations.

Smoking shall mean the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other matter or substance. **Electronic cigarettes* shall be considered a device that simulates smoking and are banned under this policy**

***An electronic cigarette (or e-cigarette), electronic vaping device, personal vaporizer (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) is a device which simulates tobacco smoking. Many are designed to simulate smoking implements, such as cigarettes or cigars, in their use and/or appearance.**

All persons, shall not be permitted to use tobacco products of any kind or in any form while:

1. Inside school corporation-owned buildings.
2. Being transported in school corporation-owned, contracted, or other authorized vehicles.
3. On school corporation-owned property.

Any individual who observes a violation of this policy is asked to report it in accordance with the procedures contained in this policy and regulations.

A. Students

Any violation of this policy by students shall be referred to the building principal or assistant principal. Students who violate provisions of this policy shall be subject to the provisions of school board policies and student handbooks regarding student discipline.

B. Visitors

A visitor who is observed using tobacco products, **or items listed above**, while on school corporation-owned property shall be asked to refrain from such use.

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If a visitor fails to comply with a request to refrain from using tobacco products **or other items noted in this policy**, he/she shall be referred to a building principal or other school corporation supervisory staff member who is responsible for the facility in which the violation occurred. The principal or supervisor shall make a decision on further action, which may include a directive to leave corporation property. Repeated violations may result in a recommendation to the Superintendent to prohibit the violator from entering school corporation property for a specified period of time. If deemed necessary by a school official, an appropriate local law enforcement agency may be contacted to assist with enforcement of this policy.

C. Employees

Any violation of this Policy by an employee will be referred to his/her immediate supervisor for appropriate action.

Legal Reference: IC 16-41-37 et seq.; 20 U.S.C. 7181 et seq.

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