



Book	WCSD Policy Manual
Section	1000 Community Relations
Title	Smoking, Vaping, and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises
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Due to the health hazards associated with smoking, and in accordance with federal and state law, the Board of Education prohibits smoking (the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco, cannabis or cannabinoid hemp), all other tobacco use, and use of an electronic cigarette or e-cigarette, in all school district buildings, on school grounds, and in any vehicle used to transport children or personnel. Smoking, tobacco use, or vaping is also prohibited within 100 feet of all school entrances, exits and outdoor areas, except where that is a residence or residential property. "Electronic cigarette" or "e-cigarette" means an electronic device that delivers vapor which is inhaled by an individual user (including vaporizers, vapor pipes, and vape pens), and will include any refill, cartridge and any other component of such a device. Additionally, ingesting cannabis or concentrated cannabis products is prohibited on school grounds and on school buses. Exceptions may be made for medical cannabis use in accordance with all applicable laws.

The district's smoking policy will be prominently posted in each building, at designated outdoor locations on school premises (e.g. athletic fields) and in all district vehicles. The Board designates the Superintendent of Schools or their designee as agent responsible for informing individuals smoking cigarettes or e-cigarettes, or using tobacco unlawfully that they are in violation of Article 13-E of the Public Health Law and/or Section 409 of the Education Law and/or the federal Pro-Children Acts of 1994 and 2001. Persons in violation of this policy will be asked to stop. Students and staff may be subject to consequences outlined in the Code of Conduct, and visitors or contractors may be asked to leave school property.

Cross-ref: 5300, Code of Conduct

Ref: Education Law §§409(2)
Public Health Law Article 13-E
Public Health Law §§206; 340; 347; 1399-aa
The Pro-Children Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§7181 et seq.
The Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. §§6081 et seq.