

Tobacco Use by Students

The following guidelines will govern possession, use, distribution and sale of tobacco products or violation of the district's prohibition of tobacco promotional items, including clothing, bags, hats, and other personal items by students on district property or at school-sponsored activities.

Violations will result in the following:

- 1st offense – conference with parents/guardians
- 2nd offense – out-of-school suspension, up to one day
- 3rd offense – out-of-school suspension, up to three days
- 4th offense – possible expulsion; due process procedures shall be followed

At any grade or offense level, as either an alternative to, or as a part of discipline, school or community service and/or attendance and successful completion of cessation and/or tobacco, education classes or behavior modification plans may be assigned at the discretion of the building principal or designee. Attendance at such classes not offered by the district will be voluntary and any associated costs are the sole responsibility of the student and his/her parent/guardian. A referral to law enforcement and/or local public health and/or tobacco coalition may be made.

The district's policy regarding tobacco use by students will be communicated through available means including student/parent and staff handbooks, newsletters, and signs at appropriate locations. Disciplinary consequences will be included in the notifications as appropriate.