

## District Policies – Jefferson County School District R-1

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Title:	Tobacco Free Schools
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Legal:	20 U.S.C. 6083 (Federal law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility used to provide educational services to children.) C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(bb) C.R.S. 25-14-103.5 6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 5-306
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### Policy Detail

The use of tobacco by students, teachers, staff, and visitors in or on any school property or at any student activity sponsored by the district is prohibited. Signs regarding this prohibition and the consequences of a violation shall be displayed prominently on all school property. It is recommended that, at a minimum, signage should be posted at all designated school entrances, parking lot entrances, main walkways, outside of main offices, auditoriums, gymnasiums, and athletic fields (particularly spectator areas). At a minimum, other communication about the policy shall include:

- Announcements over the PA System and during intermissions at sporting events, theater performances and other extra-curricular events.
- Reminders on parent permission slips and other written materials regarding off campus field trips.
- Written details in athletic participation contracts, as well as building (property) use contracts shall specify that tobacco use is prohibited at any and all school sponsored events.

Possession of any tobacco products by students is also prohibited on school property or at any student activity sponsored by the district.

Additionally, information available and provided from safe and drug free schools and other community based prevention initiatives will be made available at schools and through newsletters etc. About how to:

- Help children resist tobacco.
- Reduce exposure to secondhand smoke.
- Quit using tobacco.

School property includes, but is not limited to, any building used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance, or storage, the grounds surrounding those buildings if the school is authorized to exercise dominion and control over the grounds, and all vehicles used by the school for transporting students, workers, visitors, or other persons. Schools are asked to display signs that prohibit the use of tobacco in school parking lots and throughout the campus.

Tobacco means all kinds and forms of tobacco suitable for chewing or smoking and any other product that is packaged for smoking.

Use means the lighting, chewing, or smoking of any tobacco product.

When reasonable, the district shall not exempt any area, persons or events, including fundraisers from this prohibition.

The district may seek and accept gifts, donations, or grants of any kind, from any private or charitable sources or any government agency excluding tobacco companies, to meet the expenses required by this policy. Such funds shall be accounted for separately, and, to the extent that such funds are available, the district shall maintain and operate an educational program at each school to assist students, faculty, and staff to avoid or discontinue the use of tobacco.

#### ADDRESSING STUDENT POLICY VIOLATIONS

Schools should make every effort, which may include educational alternatives to suspension, to provide comprehensive interventions, for student tobacco policy violators. At a minimum, schools should provide to students:

- Educational information regarding the tobacco-free schools law.
- The district tobacco-free schools policy.

- Hazards of tobacco and resources for cessation.

#### ADDRESSING VISITOR POLICY VIOLATIONS

Repeat violators may be asked to leave the school property or school sponsored event (if not occurring on site at the school) to finish their tobacco product or extinguish/dispose of the tobacco product if they wish to remain on the property or at the event.

#### ADDRESSING STAFF POLICY VIOLATIONS

Refer to personnel policies.

This prohibition against tobacco use shall not apply to the use of a tobacco product in a limited classroom demonstration to show the health hazards of smoking.

#### CROSS REFERENCE:

[GBED, Tobacco Free Workplace](#)  
[IHAMA, Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco](#)

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