

SMOKING, VAPING, MARIJUANA, AND THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Pawnee Schools and the Board of Education is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for staff, students, and citizens. The board believes that education has a central role in establishing patterns of behavior related to good health and that measures are necessary to help its students to resist tobacco use. The board is concerned about the health of its employees and recognizes the importance of adult role modeling for students during formative years. Therefore, the board shall discourage the use of tobacco products by its staff and students. The district will refer employees, parents/guardians, family members, and students (13 and older) interested in quitting tobacco use to the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline and other available cessation resources.

Smoking and the use of tobacco, vapor, or marijuana products in any form is prohibited on district property by all persons. This prohibition includes school buildings, grounds, parking lots, personal vehicles and school-owned vehicles, and at any off-site, school-sponsored meeting or event, including, but not limited to, field trips and athletic events. Possession of tobacco, vapor, or marijuana products by students on school property is prohibited. If students are found to be carrying tobacco, vapor, or marijuana the product and/or paraphernalia will be confiscated.

This policy applies to employees of the District, students, visitors and any other person present on District property. This policy also applies to all District facilities including stadiums. This policy is in effect 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Signs will be posted in prominent places on school property to notify the public that smoking or other use of tobacco products is prohibited

Marijuana/CBD/THC or any other derivative of Marijuana on Campus

Smoking, vaping, edibles, or possessing marijuana (as defined in Board of Education Policy, *Medical Marijuana, Hemp & Cannabidiol (CBD)*) on District property is strictly prohibited. Refer to the District's policy on *Medical Marijuana, Hemp & Cannabidiol (CBD)* for further information.

Discipline

Any student using, possessing or distributing tobacco, vapor, or marijuana products in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures including, but not limited to the following:

- 1st offense – 3 days OSS and 10 school day suspension from activity attendance and/or participation
- 2nd offense – 5 days OSS, 20 school day suspension from activity attendance and/or participation, citation from Pawnee PD

3rd offense – long term suspension, semester suspension from activity attendance and/or participation, citation from Pawnee PD

OSS and activity attendance/participation will double for any student that violates this policy with any derivative of marijuana. Additionally, discipline for a student in violation of this policy will be cumulative from grades 6th through 12th grade.

City of Pawnee Citations

A citation may include, but is not limited to the following fines or penalties:

Community Service

Court Costs

Minor in possession of tobacco \$500.00 fine

Unlawful possession drug paraphernalia \$500.00 fine

Unlawful possession of marijuana \$500.00 fine

Staff

The District will communicate and promote the available tobacco cessation benefits and insurance coverage for employees to all prospective employees, new employees at the time of hire, and all existing employees on an annual basis.

Any violation of this policy by staff will be referred to the appropriate supervisor. One written warning will be issued to the staff member with a copy placed in his or her district personnel file. Further violations will be considered willful neglect of duty and will be dealt with accordingly based on established policies and procedures for suspension, demotion, dismissal and non-renewal of staff.

Employees who violate the policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the employee bargaining agreements and/or the District’s faculty handbook. Information about the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline will be provided to staff members in violation of this policy in order to provide a resource for tobacco cessation.

Citizens

Citizens who are observed smoking or using tobacco products or vapor products on district property in violation of this policy will be asked to refrain from using these products on school property. If the individual fails to comply with the request, his or her violation of policy may be referred to the building principal or other district supervisory personnel responsible for the area or program during which the violation occurred. The supervisor shall make a decision on further action that may include a directive to leave school property. Repeated violations may result in a recommendation to the superintendent or Board of Education to prohibit the individual from entering district property for a specified period of time. If deemed necessary by the school

administration or the Board of Education, local law enforcement officials may be called upon to assist with enforcement of this policy.

Definitions:

1. "School property" means any property that is owned, leased, managed or otherwise controlled by the District, including vehicles and any outdoor property, such as sporting facilities and parking lots.
2. "Tobacco products" includes, but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, loose tobacco, rolling papers, chewing tobacco, snuff, matches, and lighters.
3. "Smoking" means the carrying by a person or having access to a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other lighted smoking article. Smoking also includes using products that mimic or simulate smoking behavior, regardless of whether such products actually contain tobacco.
4. "Vapor product" is defined as noncombustible products, that may or may not contain nicotine, that employ a mechanical heating element, battery, electronic circuit or other mechanism, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce a vapor in a solution or other form. Vapor product shall also include any vapor cartridge or other container with or without nicotine or other form that is intended to be used with an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of a solution, that may or may not contain nicotine, that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo or electronic device. Vapor products do not include any products regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act.

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REFERENCE: 21 O.S. §1247
63 O.S. §1-1522, et seq.
70 O.S. § 1210.212
20 U.S.C. §6083
70 O.S. §§ 1210.212, 1210.213