

CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A RESOLUTION AMENDING BOARD POLICY:

7434 – USE OF TOBACCO

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Board of Education is reviewing the existing Board Policies; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Board of Education has determined revision of the current Board Policies are in order to make them consistent with the current state laws and District procedures; and

WHEREAS, *Board Policy 7434 – Use of Tobacco* has been reviewed and updated by Administration and the Cincinnati Board of Education Policy Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cincinnati Board of Education approves *Board Policy 7434 – Use of Tobacco* as written; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the Cincinnati Public Schools *Board 7434 – Use of Tobacco* will be posted online and be retained on file in the Office of the Board Members, Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center.

Eve Bolton

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Book Cincinnati City School District Policies

Section 7000 Property

Title [Prohibition on](#) Use Of Tobacco

Code 7434

Status Active

Legal Ohio Adm. Code 3701-52-01, et seq

Last Revised July 19, 2018

Cincinnati City School District Policies

RATIONALE

The Board of Education has a duty to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students, [employees, parents, and visitors to CPS schools](#) ~~and staff~~. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products, both to users and non-users, and that most tobacco use begins by the age by 18. The Board recognizes that district personnel and school visitors serve as role models to students and, therefore, adopts this 100% Tobacco-Free School Policy to endorse a healthy lifestyle and prevent tobacco use.

DEFINITION

For purposes of this policy, “use of tobacco” is defined to include any product that contains tobacco, is derived from tobacco, or contains nicotine, which is intended for human consumption, or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, vaporized, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. The term “tobacco products” includes e-cigarettes, zero-nicotine vaping devices, and other electronic smoking devices, but does not include any cessation product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use as a medical treatment to reduce and eliminate nicotine or tobacco dependence.

TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED

No student, staff member, volunteer, or school visitor is permitted to use tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) at any time, including non-school hours, on all school grounds including in any building or facility, athletic grounds, parking lots, school buses, or any vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by Cincinnati City School District.

In addition, no student, staff member, or volunteer is permitted to use tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) at any school-sponsored event, whether such event occurs on-campus or off-campus. Visitors are encouraged to refrain from using tobacco products at school-related events off-campus.

Finally, no student is permitted to possess tobacco products (including e-cigarettes), papers used to roll cigarettes, lighters, or other paraphernalia at any time.

TOBACCO PROMOTION PROHIBITED

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored publications, and at all school-sponsored events. Tobacco promotional items that promote the use of tobacco products, including clothing, bags, lighters, and other personal articles are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored events.

PROVIDING NOTICE

“No tobacco” signs will be posted throughout the district at building entrances and other appropriate locations. Students will be provided notice of this policy through student handbooks and district personnel will be provided notice of this policy through personnel handbooks. District vehicles will display international “No Smoking” insignia. Announcement will be made during home athletic events both before the event and during intermission, as well as at all school functions where deemed appropriate. School programs will include a written reminder of the tobacco-free policy.

ENFORCEMENT

The Tobacco Free School Policy shall be enforced through the student Code of Conduct and the employee discipline process.

EDUCATIONAL REINFORCEMENT

Tobacco-use prevention education should be closely coordinated with the other components of the school health program. Staff responsible for teaching tobacco-use prevention education should have adequate pre-service training and participate in ongoing professional development activities to effectively deliver education programming. Preparation and professional development activities should provide basic knowledge about the effects of tobacco use and effects of peer pressure on tobacco use combined with skill practice in effective instructional techniques and strategies and program-specific activities.

TOBACCO EDUCATION PROGRAM RESOURCES

Educational materials and local tobacco cessation programs are available at www.odh.ohio.gov/tobacco

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