

DEFINITIONS

“District” means Leeds School District.

“District property” includes all property, both indoor and outdoor, that is owned or leased by the district including, but not limited to, all buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, parking lots, and vehicles.

“Tobacco Product” includes any product that contains tobacco, is derived from tobacco or contains nicotine or other similar substances, which are intended for human consumption, or likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, inhaled, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. The term “Tobacco Product” includes E-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices, pipes, and rolling papers, but does not include any product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for legal sale as a tobacco cessation product and is being marketed and sold solely for the approved purpose.

“E-cigarette” means any electronic oral device, such as one composed of a heating element, battery or electronic circuit, or both, which provides a vapor of nicotine or any other such substance, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, and e-pipe or under any other product name, or descriptor. “E-cigarette” also includes any component part of such a product whether or not sold separately. “E-cigarette” does not include any product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for legal sale as a tobacco cessation product and is being marketed and sold solely for the approved purpose.

“Tobacco Use” means the use of any Tobacco Product in any form. Tobacco use includes, but is not limited to, smoking, heating, inhaling, chewing, absorbing, dissolving, or ingesting any Tobacco Product.

“Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or hookah, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes the use of an e-cigarette.

RATIONALE FOR REGULATING POSSESSION & USE

The health hazards of tobacco use have been well established and studies have shown that nearly 90% of current smokers began smoking as teenagers. This tobacco free policy is established to:

- Reduce the high incidence of tobacco use in North Dakota
- Protect the health and safety of all students, employees, and the general public
- Establish a standard of healthy, tobacco free behavior by adults and students

Use of tobacco products is the leading cause of preventable death and disability in North Dakota. To support and model a healthy lifestyle for our students, staff, and community, Leeds School establishes the following tobacco-free policy.

USE AND POSSESSION PROHIBITION

- Students: Possession and/or use of tobacco products by students on district property and at school-sponsored events (whether on or off district property) is prohibited at all times.

- Employees and Visitors: The use of tobacco products by school employees and visitors on district property and at all school-sponsored events (whether on or off district policy) is prohibited at all times.
- This tobacco-free policy includes all events held on district property whether or not such events are sponsored by or associated with the District/School and all events sponsored by the District/School regardless of where such events are held.
- Advertising and Sponsorship: The District/School prohibits all advertising of tobacco products, whether formal or informal, on District/School property, all school functions, and in all publications. This includes all signs, clothing or other gear that contains a logo of advertisement for, or reference to, any tobacco product.
- The District/School will not accept any form of contribution including, but not limited to, financial support, gifts (such as curriculum, book covers, speakers, etc.) or in-kind support from the tobacco industry for the sponsorship or promotion of any event or activity affiliated in any manner with the District/School or located on District/School property.

COMMUNICATION THE POLICY TO STUDENTS, STAFF & PUBLIC

This policy will be printed in the employee and student handbooks. The District/School shall post signs indicating that the property is tobacco-free in all locations and in the manner identified in NDCC 23-12-10.1.1(a) and (b). In addition, notices should be posted in other highly visible places on District/School property including, but not limited to, school playgrounds, athletic fields, parking lots, and at all school sponsored events (whether or not such events occur on District/School property). Parents will be sent notification of this policy in writing, and the local media will be asked to communicate this tobacco-free policy community wide.

ENFORCEMENT

All individuals in the District/School premises share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. The District/School superintendent shall develop regulations for the enforcement and implementation of this policy. Violations should be reported to Leeds School's staff.

TOBACCO CESSATION SERVICES

Individuals requesting assistance with tobacco cessation services will be referred to NDQuits, the North Dakota Department of Health multi-media tobacco cessation program. This is a free cessation service provided to the citizens of North Dakota.

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