

The Vanguard School

POLICY: Vanguard ADC – Tobacco-Free Schools

POLICY ADOPTED: 11-15-16

To promote the general health, welfare, and well-being of students and staff, smoking, chewing, or any other use of any tobacco product by staff, students, and members of the public is prohibited on all school property.

Possession of any tobacco product by students is also prohibited on school property. For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

1. "School property" shall mean all property owned, leased, rented, or otherwise used temporarily or regularly by the School including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance, or storage.
 - b. All school grounds over which the School exercises control including areas surrounding any buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas.
 - c. All vehicles, either owned, leased, or borrowed, used for transporting students.

2. "Tobacco product" means:
 - a. Any product that contains nicotine or tobacco or is derived from tobacco and is intended to be ingested or inhaled by or applied to the skin of an individual, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, and chewing tobacco; and
 - b. Any electronic device that can deliver a vapor or other substance to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, hookah pen, cigar, cigarillo, or pipe.
 - c. "Tobacco product" does not include any product that has been approved by the appropriate federal agency as a tobacco use cessation product.

3. "Use" shall mean lighting, chewing, smoking, ingesting, applying, or using any tobacco product or electronic device.

Students found in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as delineated in the School's policies on student conduct. Expulsion of a student shall not be based solely on tobacco use in violation of this policy.

However, pursuant to applicable law, habitual or flagrant use of tobacco in violation of this policy may be grounds for expulsion.

Any member of the general public considered by the Executive Director or designee to be in violation of this policy will be instructed to leave school property.

Employees found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

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