



"To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow"

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TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS

The Meade School District recognizes its duty to promote the health and safety of students, staff and citizens on district property and during school sponsored activities. In accordance with its responsibility; it is the intent of the School Board to establish a tobacco-free school environment that demonstrates a commitment to helping students resist tobacco use and that emphasizes the importance of adult modeling.

The use, possession or promotion to tobacco, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products by appearance or effect on school property or during school sponsored activities is prohibited. This policy shall be in effect at all times and shall apply to all students, employees, and visitors.

For the purpose of this policy:

1. "Tobacco" means any substance or item, in any form, including e-cigarettes/vapor, containing tobacco and/or nicotine.
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 2. School property" means all district-owned; rented or leased building, grounds and vehicles.
 3. "School-sponsored activity" means all district students or staff that occurs either before, during or after regular school hours.
 4. "Promotion" means the use or display of tobacco-related clothing, bags, lighters, or other material that is designed to encourage the acceptance or use of tobacco.
 5. The use of tobacco products and liquid nicotine delivery devices is prohibited in all school buildings/facilities and in all school vehicles.
 6. This tobacco policy applies to all persons regardless of age and regardless of whether they may legally use tobacco products.

Students or district employees found in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate consequences, which may involve a range of enforcement options including disciplinary action and educational alternatives to disciplinary action. Visitors in violation of this policy will result in appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the administration, which may include direction to leave school property.

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