

## Community Relations

### PROHIBITION AGAINST SMOKING

1331(a)

The Board of Education prohibits any student or adult from smoking including smoking using an electronic delivery system (e.g. e-cigarettes), electronic cannabis delivery system, or vapor product, within any of its schools, including in any area of a school building, including but not limited to any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for, and utilized by the Board for the provision of routine regular preschool, kindergarten, elementary, or secondary education or library services to children or on school property or at school-sponsored events at any time.

Furthermore, the use of tobacco products is prohibited on any school-related transportation or at any school-sponsored activity occurring off school grounds. Tobacco includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, electronic nicotine delivering systems, vapor products, chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances, and any other tobacco or nicotine innovations.

The following definitions shall apply to this policy:

1. **“Any area”** shall mean the interior of a school building and the outside area within twenty-five feet of any doorway, operable window or air intake vent of a school building.
2. **“Cannabis”** shall mean marijuana, as defined by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 21a-240. “Electronic cannabis delivery system” shall mean an electronic device that may be used to simulate smoking in the delivery of cannabis to a person inhaling the device and includes, but is not limited to, a vaporizer, electronic pipe, electronic hookah, and any related device and any cartridge or other component of such device.
3. **“Electronic nicotine delivery system”** shall mean an electronic device used in the delivery of nicotine to a person inhaling from the device and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or electronic hookah, and any related device and any cartridge or other component of such device, including, but not limited to, electronic cigarette liquid or synthetic nicotine.
4. **“School sponsored activity”** shall mean any activity sponsored, recognized, or authorized by the Board and includes activities conducted on or off school property.
5. **“Smoke” or “smoking”** shall mean the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other similar device, whether containing, wholly or in part, tobacco, cannabis, or hemp.

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6. **“Vapor product”** shall mean any product that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that may or may not include nicotine or cannabis and is inhaled by the user of such product.

The Board further prohibits smoking, including smoking using an electronic nicotine delivery system (e.g. e-cigarettes), electronic cannabis delivery system, or vapor product, on the real property of any administrative office building. Real property means the land and all temporary and permanent structures comprising the district’s administrative office building(s) and includes, but is not limited to, storage facilities and parking lots.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes Public Act 19-13  
Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-233 a(h)  
Conn. Gen. Stat. 19a-342 Smoking prohibited in certain places. Signs required. Penalties.  
Conn. Gen Stat. 53-344b  
June Special Session, Public Act No. 21-1  
P.L. 107-110, Section 4303, "Non-smoking Policy for Children's Services"

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