



MODEL TOBACCO-FREE POLICY
Public & Accredited Non-Public Schools

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TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

School district facilities and grounds, including school vehicles, are off limits for tobacco use, including the use of nicotine products that are not FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approved for tobacco cessation. This requirement extends to students, employees and visitors. This policy applies at all times, including school-sponsored and nonschool-sponsored events. Persons failing to abide by this policy are required to extinguish their smoking material, dispose of the tobacco/nicotine product or leave the school district premises immediately. It is the responsibility of the administration to enforce this policy.

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CHECKLIST TO ENSURE A STRONG TOBACCO-FREE (NICOTINE-FREE) POLICY

To ensure the school has a strong tobacco-free policy, and to qualify for the free outdoor signage, the policy must explicitly include all of the following:

- ✓ Policy must extend to all types of tobacco and nicotine products (i.e. not only cigarettes; consider including, but not limited to products such as dissolvable, spit less, snus, chewing, and electronic cigarettes)
- ✓ Policy must extend to employees, students & visitors
- ✓ Policy must apply at all times, including school-sponsored & nonschool-sponsored events
- ✓ Policy must extend to school vehicles
- ✓ Policy must include steps to address violators
- ✓ Policy must determine an enforcing entity (e.g., “the administration”)

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