

**POLICY**

**3515 SMOKING PROHIBITION**

To promote the health and safety of all students and staff and to promote the cleanliness of school grounds, the board prohibits all smoking or use of tobacco products in all school facilities and on all school grounds at all times. Definitions of “school facilities” and “school grounds” shall be in accord with definitions in the administrative code.

Notice of this policy shall be given at each school entrance and at appropriate locations on school grounds in accordance with law. Smoking shall not be permitted at any time in classrooms, lecture halls, auditoriums or anywhere else on school grounds.

The principal of each school building is authorized to report violations, in accordance with law, to the board of health. Pupils and district employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures. The Chief School Administrator shall prepare and the board shall adopt regulations prohibiting smoking in all district buildings and on school grounds.

Definition: For purposes of this policy, "smoking" means the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco. Chewing tobacco is also specifically prohibited by this policy.

**Legal References:**

N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55 et seq. New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act

N.J.S.A. 30:5B-5.3 Smoking in child care centers prohibited

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.3 Definitions

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-3.1(a)7 Establishment of comprehensive alcohol, tobacco and

N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 Definitions

N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2(a)4 Policies and procedures for school facility operation

No Child Left behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

**Cross References:**

1250 Visitors

1330 Use of School Facilities

4119.23 Employee Substance Abuse

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5131.6 Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco (substance abuse)

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