

24/7 TOBACCO-FREE DISTRICT POLICY

Introduction

Graham-Dustin School understands the concern of parents, educators, students, and community members regarding the adverse effects of tobacco and secondhand smoke. We want to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students, staff, and community and set the proper example for our students. This policy is intended to improve the health and safety of all individuals using the schools.

Definition

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

School Property is defined as any property that is owned, leased, managed, or otherwise controlled by the school district, including vehicles and any outdoor property, such as sporting facilities and parking lots.

Tobacco Products is defined as a product that contains or is derived from tobacco and is intended for human consumption, excluding drugs or devices approved for cessation by the United States Food and Drug Administration. This includes e-cigarettes and vapor products with or without nicotine.

24/7 Tobacco-Free District is defined as a district where tobacco use is prohibited anywhere, at any time, and by any person. This extends to school vehicles and school sponsored or school sanctioned events, including those held off campus.

Prohibitions

- Tobacco product use is prohibited anywhere on school property, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by any person. This policy extends to personal vehicles while such vehicle is on school property, school vehicles, and school sponsored or school sanctioned events, including those held off campus.
- This policy applies to employees of the school district, students, visitors, and any other person present on school property. This policy also applies to all public school functions (sporting events, concerts, etc.) and any outside agency using the district's facilities, including stadiums. This policy is in effect 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- The district will not accept donations of gifts, money, or materials from the tobacco industry. This district will not participate in any type of services, events, or programs that are funded by the tobacco industry.
- Students are prohibited from possessing tobacco products on school property and at any off-site, school sponsored meeting or event, including, but not limited to, field trips and athletic events.
- Ash receptacles, such as ash trays or ash cans, are not permitted on school property.

Tobacco Cessation Support

- The district will refer employees, parents/guardians, family members, and students (13 and older) interested in quitting tobacco use to the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline and other cessation resources, if available.
- The district will promote the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline (1-800-QUIT-NOW or OKhelpline.com) to ensure awareness of the statewide services that are available.

Implementation and Enforcement

- Signs should be posted to inform employees, students, visitors, and any other person present of the tobacco free facility at entrances on school property.
- The success of this regulation will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of tobacco users and nonusers. All individuals on school premises share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this regulation. All students will receive instruction on avoiding tobacco use. Ultimately, each site administrator will take appropriate steps to enforce the regulation.
- Students found in violation of the policy will have their parents contacted for a first violation with possible disciplinary action. Each offense after will result in disciplinary action. The school administrator will confiscate the prohibited tobacco product. Information about the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline will be provided to students in violation of this policy in order to provide resource for tobacco cessation.
- Employees who violate the regulation shall be subject to disciplinary actions in accordance with the employees bargaining agreement and or the districts faculty handbook. Information about the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline will be provided to staff members in violation of this policy in order to provide a resource for tobacco cessation.

Effective Date

This 24/7 Tobacco-Free District Policy is effective as of June 28, 2018.

Approved by Graham-Dustin Board of Education


Board President


Signature


Date


Superintendent


Signature


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