

OAKDALE SCHOOL
TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL POLICY

The Oakdale Board of Education is committed to providing a healthy and productive environment for all persons using any of the school facilities. The Board of Education also, recognizes that tobacco smoking and the environmental tobacco smoke (second-hand smoke) has been shown to be linked to illnesses and disability and that federal law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility or the grounds thereof, which is used to provide education services to children and youth. This policy is intended to improve the health and safety of all individuals using the school.

The District, recognizing that the health of students, employees and of the public in general is a factor of concern, has declared the entire school environment and all of its district property and buildings to be tobacco free. Smoking, chewing or any other use of tobacco by staff, students, and by members of the public is prohibited on or in any school property 24 hours a day, 7 days week including non-school hours.

1. "School property" is defined as all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by any school in this district including but not limited to the following:

A. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction administration support services, maintenance or storage. This also includes but not limited to areas normally reserved for the exclusive use of faculty or support staff.

B. All school grounds and buildings over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking lots.

C. All vehicles use by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.

2. "Tobacco" is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such a manner to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both, and includes cloves; or any other product packages for smoking.

3. "Use" is defined as lighting, chewing, dipping inhaling or smoking any tobacco as defined within this policy.

4. District employees and students will not be permitted to use tobacco or tobacco products while they are participants in any class or activity in which they represent the school district.

5. This district will not participate in any type of services that are funded by the tobacco industry.

6. It is specifically designated that this policy will apply to school sponsored events held off campus,

Signs will be posted in prominent places on school property to notify the public that smoking or other use of tobacco products is prohibited.

If students are found to be carrying cigarettes or other tobacco products, the tobacco product will be confiscated and students will be disciplined. Employees will be warned that violation of this policy may lead to disciplinary action. Visitors may be asked to leave the school premises.