Community/ Board Operations

PROHIBITION AGAINST ALCOHOL, SMOKING, E-CIGARETTES, and VAPOR PRODUCTS

Alcohol

The Weston Board of Education ("the Board") prohibits the consumption or possession of alcohol by any person anywhere on school property and/or at any school-sponsored activity. School property includes the land and all permanent and temporary structures comprising the school district, including, without limitation, the school buildings, storage facilities, maintenance facilities, administrative office buildings, fields, playgrounds, athletic facilities, access roads, and parking lots. ("School Property"). As defined by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-233a(h), a school-sponsored activity "means any activity sponsored, recognized or authorized by a board of education and includes activities conducted on or off school property." ("School-Sponsored Activity").

The sole exception to the foregoing prohibition regarding alcohol is that alcohol possession and consumption may be permitted during the scheduled hours of the annual Independence Day fireworks display sponsored by the Town of Weston ("the Fireworks"). During the Fireworks, alcohol may be consumed or possessed as may be specifically permitted during the event by the Town of Weston and applicable law. However, in no case are employees of the Board, or District students, permitted to possess or consume alcohol at the Fireworks. Further, during the scheduled hours of the Fireworks, alcohol may only be consumed outdoors in areas specifically designated by the Town of Weston for alcohol consumption during the event and may not be possessed or consumed within any school building, storage facility, maintenance facility, office, or other structure constituting School Property.

Smoking, E-Cigarettes, and Vapor Products

The Board prohibits smoking, including smoking using an electronic nicotine delivery system (e.g. e-cigarettes or similar devices) or vapor products (or similar products), on School Property or at any School-Sponsored Activity. For purposes of this policy, the term "electronic nicotine delivery system" shall mean an electronic device that may be used to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or other substance 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, and the term "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 contain nicotine, that is inhaled by the user of such product.

There are no exceptions to the prohibitions regarding smoking described herein.

Policy References:

Policy and Administrative Regulation 1250, Visitors to the Schools Policy 4118.231/4218.231, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-Free Workplace Policy 5131.6, Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco, E-Cigarettes, and Vapor Products

Legal References:

Pro-Children Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 115 Stat. 1174, 20 U.S.C. § 7183

Public Act 14-76, "An Act Concerning The Governor's Recommendations Regarding Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems And Youth Smoking Prevention"

Public Act 15-206, "An Act Regulating Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products"

Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-233a(h)

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