

Flatonia ISD Fragrance- Free Policy

The academic success of a student can be directly linked to their health. For this reason, it is imperative that Flatonia ISD ensures the wellbeing and safety of all its students to support a positive learning environment. In order to create a safer learning environment for students as well as a safer work environment for staff, Flatonia ISD intends to protect the indoor and outdoor air quality of its campuses. Strong scents and fragrances can contribute to poor indoor air quality that can be unhealthy to all students and school staff.

There are many people who experience unpleasant physical effects from scented products and a growing number of people who suffer more severe reactions to these types of products and chemicals. This condition is known as multiple chemical sensitivities (MCS) and involves people who have developed an acute sensitivity to various chemicals in the environment. People with MCS experience a range of debilitating physical reactions, some even life-threatening, to chemicals used in a variety of scented materials, including fragrances and chemical products.

When scented products have been suspected to adversely affecting a person's health, some of all of the following symptoms are reported:

- Headaches
- Malaise
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of Appetite
- Skin Irritation
- Upper respiratory symptoms
- Nausea
- Difficulty with concentration
- Weakness
- Numbness
- Malaise
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of Appetite
- Skin Irritation

Allergic and asthmatic patients, as well as those with other conditions, report that certain odors, even in the smallest amounts, can trigger an episode. Some people may report mild irritation while others are incapacitated and must give up many "normal" activities to avoid exposure.

If a student or employee is affected by a specific scent, we ask that school staff eliminate the cause of the offensive odor. In addition, cleaning products with strong scents will only be used during off-peak school hours.