

Iroquois School District

**Student Tobacco Control Policy**

*(Adopted: 08/15/1989)*

*(Revised: 04/20/2004)*

**PURPOSE:**

Smoking has been identified as the number one health problem in the United States. It is the leading cause of premature death, disease, and chronic disability in our country. Smoking can be hazardous to the health of both smokers and non-smokers. For smokers, it can contribute to heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, emphysema, and several forms of cancer. Non-smokers can be affected by breathing the toxic products that tobacco smoke adds to the air.

The Board recognizes that smoking during school hours and in school buildings and vehicles presents a health and safety hazard which can have serious consequences for the smoker and the non-smoker and the safety of District students and staff and is, therefore, a concern to the Board.

**DEFINITION:**

For purposes of this policy, tobacco use shall be defined as all use and/or possession of a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar or pipe; other lighted smoking equipment or devices; and/or smokeless tobacco in any form.

**GUIDELINES:**

1. In order to protect District students and staff from an environment that may be harmful to them and because the Board of Directors cannot, even by indirection, condone the use of tobacco because of its possible harm to personal well-being, the Board prohibits tobacco use and/or possession by students at any time in a school building and on any property, buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the District and/or at school sponsored activities that are held off school property.
2. The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students and parents about the District's tobacco use policy by publishing such policy in the student handbooks, parent newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.
3. The District Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.
4. The District may initiate prosecution of a student who possesses or uses tobacco in violation of this policy.
5. Any violation of this policy by students shall be referred to the Building Principal.

6. Violation will result in the following:

a. A “look out” for smoker(s).

- One (1) day of in-school suspension (ISS)

b. Smoking within the school building, school bus, or school property

- First Offense:
- one (1) day In-School Suspension
  - completion of learning packet on effects of tobacco use.

- Second Offense:
- three (3) days of In-School Suspension
  - completion of second learning packet on effects of tobacco use.
  - administrative meeting with parent to assure understanding of consequences.

- Third Offense:
- five (5) days of In-School Suspension
  - referral to District Justice for fine of up to \$50.00 plus court costs or assignment to adjudication alternative as determined by District Justice.

- Fourth Offense:
- Out-of-School Suspension with referral to Iroquois School District Board of Directors for further disciplinary action.
  - referral to District Justice for fine of up to \$50.00 plus court costs or assignment to adjudication alternative as determined by District Justice.