

Use of Tobacco by Students

Use or the possession of tobacco products by students while in or on school properties, under the school's jurisdiction, or while participating in a school-sponsored event is prohibited.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "School property" shall mean all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by a school 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.
 - b. All school grounds over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any building, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas.
 - c. All vehicles used by TPCA for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" shall include cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both. "Tobacco" shall include cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "use" shall mean lighting, chewing, inhaling or smoking any tobacco product.
4. Any staff, Principal, or school personnel who observe a student smoking off school property may choose to notify the parent/guardian that such student has been observed smoking. Disciplinary action may only be taken when students use tobacco while in or on school property.