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Saint Paul Public Schools Policy

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TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

1. No person shall use tobacco or tobacco-related devices in any indoor area or upon any grounds or property that is owned, leased or contracted for by the school district. This prohibition extends to all facilities, whether owned, rented or leased, and to all vehicles that the school district owns, leases, rents, contracts for or controls. This prohibition extends to all events and activities sponsored by the Saint Paul Public Schools.
2. No student under age 18 shall possess tobacco or tobacco-related devices in or upon any grounds or property that is owned, leased or contracted for by the school district. This prohibition extends to all facilities, whether owned or leased, and to all vehicles that a school district owns, leases, rents, contracts for, or controls. This prohibition extends to all events and activities sponsored by the Saint Paul Public Schools.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Tobacco" means cigarettes; cigars; cheroots; stogies; perique; granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed and other smoking tobacco; snuff; snuff flour; cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; fine cut and other chewing tobacco; shorts; refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco; and other kinds and forms of tobacco, prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing or smoking in a pipe or other tobacco-related devices.
2. "Tobacco-related devices" means cigarette papers or pipes for smoking.
3. The term "use" includes smoking, chewing or otherwise ingesting tobacco.
3. The term "smoking" means inhaling or exhaling smoke from any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other lighted tobacco or plant product. Smoking also includes carrying a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other lighted tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation.

EXCEPTION

It shall not be a violation of this policy for an American Indian to offer tobacco on school district property as a part of a traditional American Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony. An American Indian is a person who is a member of an American Indian tribe as defined under Minnesota law.

ENFORCEMENT

1. Students who violate this tobacco-free policy shall be subject to school district disciplinary procedures.
2. School district personnel and school board members who violate this tobacco-free policy shall be subject to applicable discipline procedures.
3. School district action taken for violation of this policy will be consistent with requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements, Minnesota or federal law and school district policies.

4. School administrators may call the local law enforcement agency to assist with enforcement of this policy.

DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

1. This policy shall appear in the student handbook.
2. The school district shall develop a method of discussing this policy annually with students and employees.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

- Minn. Stat. § 144.413 (Definitions)
- Minn. Stat. § 144.4165 (Tobacco Products Prohibited in Public Schools)
- Minn. Stat. § 144.4167 (Permitted Smoking)
- Minn. Stat. § 144.417 (Commissioner of Health, Enforcement, Penalties)
- Minn. Stat. § 609.685 (Sale of Tobacco to Children)

CROSS REFERENCES:

- 413.00, Drug-Free Workplace
- 504.00, Drug-Free Schools

