

## Community Relations

### Smoke Free Environment

#### Students

In accordance with law and to promote the health and safety of all students and staff, the District prohibits all employees, students and patrons from smoking or using tobacco or tobacco products in all school facilities, buildings and buses or other District transportation at all times, including athletic events and meetings. This prohibition extends to all facilities the District owns/operates, contracts for or leases to provide educational services, routine health care, daycare or early childhood development services to children, as well as facilities in which services are not provided to children.

Breaks by employees to smoke or use tobacco products are considered recreational activities. If an employee takes a break from work to smoke or use tobacco products or leaves school grounds at any time for any reason other than District business, including to smoke or use tobacco products, He/she will not be considered to be acting within the normal course and scope of employment.

An ongoing program of student support and counseling will be offered to provide support for students who wish to break the smoking habit.

#### Staff and Public

An ongoing program of staff support and counseling will be offered to provide support for staff who wish to break the smoking habit.

(cf. 1120 Board of Education Meetings)

(cf. 1330 Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 4118.231/4218.231 Employee Smoking, Drinking, and Use of Drugs on School Premises)

(cf. 5131.6 Drugs, Tobacco, and Alcohol)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
 19a-342 Smoking prohibited in certain places. Signs required. Penalties.  
 21a-242 Schedules of controlled substances.  
 PL 107-110, Section 4303, "Non-smoking Policy for Children's Services"

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