

The Johnson City Central School District recognizes its responsibility to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and others on school property and at school-sponsored activities. In light of scientific evidence that the use of tobacco is hazardous to health, and to be consistent with school curriculum and federal and state law, it is the intent of the Johnson City Central School District to establish a tobacco-free environment.

#### DEFINITIONS

**Tobacco:** Any cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product; as well as spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, and snuff, and any other tobacco product in any form.

**School Property:** Any building, structure, or vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by the Johnson City Central School District.

**School Grounds:** The property surrounding buildings and structures, athletic grounds, parking lots, or any other outdoor property owned, leased, or contracted by the Johnson City Central School District.

#### TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED

No person is permitted to use tobacco in any way at any time, including non-school hours, on school property or grounds. Tobacco use is prohibited by students at any school-sponsored event or activity off campus. Staff is prohibited from using tobacco when directly supervising students at any school-sponsored event or activity off campus. The Board also prohibits the use of e-cigarettes in these locations. Persons using e-cigarettes in violation of this policy will be asked to stop or leave school property.

#### TOBACCO EDUCATION

Instruction to discourage the misuse of tobacco shall be taught by teachers certified to teach health education. Instruction shall also be an integral part of a required health education at middle and high school levels and taught by teachers certified to teach health education. Staff responsible for teaching tobacco-use prevention shall have an adequate training and participate in ongoing professional development activities to effectively deliver the education program as planned.

#### TOBACCO DISTRIBUTION

The distribution or sale of tobacco, including any smoking device is prohibited on school property, grounds, and any school-sponsored event.

#### TOBACCO PROMOTION

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school property, grounds, and at any school-sponsored event.

### TOBACCO CESSATION

Referrals and access to community resources and programs to help students and staff overcome tobacco addiction shall be provided to staff and students.

### NOTICE

Signs communicating this policy shall be prominently posted and properly maintained where tobacco use and smoking are regulated by this policy. Signs shall include "No Smoking" or the international "No Smoking" symbol, which consists of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a circle with a bar across it.

### CLOSED CAMPUS

No students may leave campus during breaks in the school day to use tobacco products. Students with senior privilege, if applicable, shall continue to leave campus per the Senior Privilege rules and procedures.

### ENFORCEMENT

The district shall designate school official(s) to enforce this policy and address any violations. All staff members are asked to cooperate and to report violations to the designated administrator or on-site supervisor.

1. Students  
Tobacco and tobacco-related materials will be confiscated. Disciplinary actions will follow the Student Code of Conduct (Policy 5300) relative to range of consequences (section VIII).
2. Staff  
Employees found to be in violation of the District's no smoking policy will be included in the following management system: first offense -- verbal warning; second offense -- written warning with a copy in the employee's file; third offense -- insubordination charges may be brought leading to suspension or dismissal in accordance with Education Law and/or Civil Service Law.
3. Visitors  
Visitors attending school events will be dealt with using the same procedures currently applied to crowd control. Announcements concerning the "no smoking policy" shall be made at each school event. Visitors in violation of the policy shall be politely asked to abide by the regulations. If the behavior continues, the visitor(s) shall be asked to leave campus or other non-campus school sponsored event.

3. Visitors (Cont'd.)

Community Groups - A copy of the no smoking policy will be included as part of the package distributed to groups who request building utilization forms. Any group not in compliance with the policy will be denied use of District facilities.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The superintendent/ designee will develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this policy, including provisions for notification of the school's policy; disciplinary consequences; and procedures for filing and handling complaints about violations of the school's policy.