

SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Due to the health hazards associated with smoking, and in accordance with federal and state law, the Board of Education prohibits smoking or other tobacco use in all school buildings, on school property, or at school-sponsored activities.

Enforcement

The Board is committed to strict enforcement of this policy and state and federal laws prohibiting smoking.

Individuals found smoking or using tobacco products in school buildings, on school property or at school-sponsored activities will be subject to the policies, rules, regulations and enforcement actions of the district and will also be referred to the Rensselaer County Department of Health for enforcement pursuant to Article 13-e of the Public Health Law.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will refer individuals violating smoking laws and policies to the Rensselaer County Department of Health on the appropriate forms. A copy of the referral form shall be provided to the individual or the parent/guardian of a student.

Article 13 of the Public Health law provides for a range of civil penalties, including monetary fines which can be imposed upon violators by the Rensselaer County Department of Health upon finding of a violation.

The district's smoking policy shall be prominently posted in each building in conspicuous locations.

The Superintendent and district staff shall provide the necessary and appropriate means for enforcing the law and board policy. The Superintendent is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations and take any appropriate actions to implement and enforce this policy.

Ref: Education Law 409(2); 3020-a(4)
Goals 2000: Educate America Act 1041 et seq. (The Pro-Children Act of 1994)
Public Health Law Article 13-E 206; 340; 347

Replaces: 5312.3 Smoking
9530 Smoking on School Premises by Staff Members

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