

## **2210 -USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

The Board of Education recognizes that the use of tobacco products is a health, safety and environmental hazard for students, employees, visitors and school facilities. The Board also acknowledges that adult employees serve as role models for students and that the Board's acceptance of any use of tobacco products implies school approval, if not endorsement, of such use. In addition, the Board recognizes that it has an obligation to promote a healthy learning and working environment, free from unwanted smoke, for the students, employees and visitors of the school system.

### **Tobacco Use Prohibited**

No student, staff member school visitor or any other person is permitted to use any tobacco product at any time, including non-school hours, in school buildings, in school facilities, on school campuses, and in or on any other school property owned or operated by the Durham Public Schools. Further, no student is permitted to possess a tobacco product while in any school building, while on school grounds or property or at any school-sponsored or school-related event or at any other time that students are under the authority of school personnel.

The use of any tobacco product is also prohibited by any person attending a school-sponsored event, no matter where located, when in the presence of students or school personnel or in an area where smoking is otherwise prohibited by law.

Tobacco products may be included in instructional or research activities in public school buildings if the activity is conducted or supervised by the faculty member overseeing the instruction or research and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the tobacco product.

For the purposes of this policy, "tobacco product" is defined to include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, and any other items containing tobacco, or any items reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes. Tobacco use includes smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products.

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