

**Policy AH: USE OF TOBACCO AND VAPING PRODUCTS**

Status: ADOPTED

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## Policy Application

To promote the health and safety of all students and staff, set a good example for students and promote the cleanliness of district property, the Columbia Public Schools prohibits all employees, students and visitors from using, possessing, smoking, vaping, consuming, displaying, promoting or selling any tobacco products, imitation tobacco products, vaping products or tobacco-related devices in all district facilities, on district transportation, on all district grounds at all times and at any district-sponsored event or activity while off campus. This prohibition extends to all facilities the district owns, contracts for or leases to provide educational services, routine healthcare, daycare or early childhood development services to children.

The administrative staff shall develop procedures for implementing this policy and shall provide for periodic review of the policy.

## Definitions

*Imitation Tobacco Product* – Any edible or nonedible nontobacco product designed to resemble a tobacco product intended to be used by children as a toy. Imitation tobacco products include, but are not limited to, chocolate cigarettes, bubble gum cigars, shredded bubble gum resembling chewing tobacco, pouches containing flavored substances packaged similarly to snuff, and shredded beef jerky in containers resembling snuff tins.

*Smoking/Vaping* – Inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lit or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other lighted or heated product that contains, is made of, or is derived from a natural or synthetic form of nicotine, tobacco or other plants and that is intended for inhalation. Smoking/Vaping also includes carrying or using an activated electronic smoking device.

*Tobacco Product* – 1) Any product, whether synthetic or natural, that contains, is made of, or is derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption by chewing, smoking, absorbing, dissolving, inhaling, snorting, sniffing or ingesting by any other means. 2) Any component, part or accessory of a tobacco product including, but not limited to, cigarettes; electronic smoking devices; cigars; little cigars; cheroots; stogies; periques; 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.

*Tobacco-Related Devices* – Ash trays, rolling papers, wraps or pipes for smoking and any components, parts or accessories of electronic smoking devices.

*Vapor Product* – Any noncombustible product containing nicotine that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit or electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. Vapor product includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic pipe or similar product or device. Vapor product does not include any alternative nicotine product.

## Smoking Cessation Products

This policy does not prohibit adults from possessing and using products approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for smoking cessation. Students may possess and use those products as allowed under policy JHCD.

## Signage

Appropriate signage reflecting the content of this policy will be posted throughout the district at building entrances and other highly visible locations in all school buildings, indoor and outdoor athletic facilities and district-owned

transportation.

## Consequences

Students and employees who violate this policy will be disciplined in accordance with applicable board policies and may be offered referrals to smoking cessation programs. Employees may be disciplined or terminated for repeated violations. Visitors may be excluded from district property.

**Note:** The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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**Policy Reference Disclaimer:** These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

### State References

§§ 191.765-.777

### Description

State Statute -  
<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/slshVClyWU73Tdpv4JZYxrPDw==>

§290.145, RSMo.

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### Federal References

20 U.S.C. §§ 7182-7184

### Description

Pro-Children Act -  
<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/plusSLEkiEKYG9tr1Va3O8c8g==>

### Cross References

IGAEA

### Description

TEACHING ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO -  
<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/RiM8tiT0YvvMnqv5ofCcXw==>

JG

STUDENT DISCIPLINE -  
<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/FfyktLNwslshp5IVNQfNYLS0w==>

JHCD

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS -  
<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/XbsdaxavnUhh3ocmFslshfzdtw==>

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COMMUNITY USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES -  
<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/CPipluso0sbpfQcPVS1VLLLDQ==>

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VISITORS TO DISTRICT PROPERTY/EVENTS -  
<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/yrxq9I8slshwCt0uXQGmcq2qg==>

  
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