

G-13 NON-SMOKING AND SMOKE FREE SCHOOL FACILITIES

Tobacco and Nicotine Use (Tobacco-Free Campus)

The Board of School Trustees of the Plainfield Community School Corporation is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for students, staff, and citizens. The Board remains committed to the notion of reducing involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke among students and staff. The Board believes that it is the right of the nonsmoker to breathe clean air. The Board believes that the use of tobacco or nicotine-based products on school grounds denies students, staff, and visitors access to clean air, introduces a substantial health hazard to those persons, and interferes with learning and teaching. It is the intent of the Board to create a “tobacco-free” school environment.

Tobacco includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, nicotine delivering devices, chemicals, or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; and any other tobacco or nicotine innovations.

All persons, including students, employees, and visitors, shall not be permitted to possess or use nicotine-based products of any kind or in any form while:

1. Inside school corporation-owned buildings.
2. Being transported to or from school events in school corporation-owned, contracted, or other authorized vehicles.
3. On school corporation-owned property outside school corporation-owned buildings.

Any individual who observes a violation of this policy is encouraged to report it in accordance with Section B of this policy.

1. Students

Any violation of this policy by students shall be referred to the building principal or assistant principal. Students who violate provisions of this policy shall be subject to the provisions of school board policies and student handbooks regarding student discipline.

2. Visitors

A visitor who is observed using tobacco or nicotine-based products on school corporation property shall be asked to refrain from such use. If a visitor fails to comply with a request to refrain from using tobacco or nicotine-based products, he/she shall be referred to a building principal or other school corporation supervisory staff member who is responsible for the property on which the violation occurred. The principal or supervisor shall make a decision on further action, which may include a directive to leave school property. Repeated violations may result in a recommendation to the superintendent to prohibit the violator from entering school corporation property for a specified period of time. If deemed necessary by a school official, an appropriate local law enforcement agency may be contacted to assist with enforcement of this policy.

3. **Employees**

Any violation of this policy by an employee will be referred to his/her immediate supervisor.

The superintendent and school principals shall notify students, families, school employees, and visitors of this policy in handbooks and newsletters, on posted notices, or signs at school entrance and other appropriate locations.

LEGAL REF: 20 U.S.C. F181 et seq., - I.C. 16-41-37-1 et seq.

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