

**STUDENTS**

**Smoking and Use of Tobacco**

Smoking and the use of tobacco on school property is prohibited by federal law and hazardous to the health of students. It presents a safety hazard in the school. Smoking tobacco, using tobacco products and/or possessing smoking materials is not permitted on school buses, in school buildings or on school grounds at any time by students.

Students shall be advised of this policy in a manner deemed appropriate by the Building Principal. In addition, information about the hazards of smoking shall be included in the curriculum.

When a staff member finds a student in possession of or using tobacco or smoking materials in violation of this policy, the student shall be disciplined by the administration on an individual basis. Disciplinary measures may include personal counseling, withholding of privileges and/or suspension for a period of up to ten (10) days. In all cases the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be advised and their cooperation shall be sought.

Given reasonable grounds for suspicion, school officials may search for and seize tobacco products brought onto buses or school property.

Organizations sponsoring activities in the schools for students outside of regular school hours shall be made aware of this policy and shall be expected to take appropriate disciplinary measures. Failure to do so could result in cancellation of that organization's privilege to use District facilities.