

SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The school board recognizes that smoking represents a health and safety hazard, which can have serious consequences for the smoker and nonsmoker and the safety of the district. In order to protect the students, staff, employees, visitors, and guests of the district from an environment that may be harmful to them, and because of possible harm to personal well-being, the board hereby prohibits smoking by staff members, employees, visitors, or guests in all district buildings, on grounds, and in all school vehicles at all times.

For the purpose of this policy, "smoking" will mean all uses of tobacco, including cigars, chewing tobacco, cigarettes, and pipes.

It is understood that this policy will be in addition to other board policies concerning the prohibition of smoking by students on school property and buses.

This smoking prohibition will be in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will apply to anyone present in district buildings or on district grounds.

The board hereby directs the superintendent to formulate the necessary rules and procedures to ensure the enforcement and implementation of this nonsmoking policy.

LEGAL REFS: SDCL 34-46-2 (Prohibits minors from purchasing tobacco products, or using, possessing, or selling tobacco products.)