

EXHIBIT A

TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS POLICY

Article I.

Section 1. Rationale

The Board has a duty to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students and staff. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products, both to users and non-users, and that most tobacco use begins by the age of 18. The Board recognizes that School personnel and visitors serve as role models to students and, therefore, adopts this 100% Tobacco-Free School Policy to endorse a healthy lifestyle and prevent tobacco use.

Section 2. Definition

For the purpose of this policy, “tobacco product” is defined to include any product that contains tobacco, is derived from tobacco, or contains nicotine, which is intended for human consumption, or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, vaporized, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. The term “tobacco products” includes e-cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), and other electronic smoking devices (including JUUL’s, myBlu, Mojo etc.), but does not include any cessation product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use as a medical treatment to reduce and eliminate nicotine or tobacco dependence.

Section 3. Tobacco Use Prohibited

No student is permitted to use tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) at any time, including non-school hours, on all school grounds including in any building or facility, athletic grounds, parking lots or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the School.

In addition, no student is permitted to use tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) at any school-sponsored event, whether such event occurs on-campus or off-campus.

Finally, no student is permitted to possess tobacco products (including e-cigarettes), papers used to roll cigarettes, lighters, or other paraphernalia at any time.

Section 4. Tobacco Promotion Prohibited

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored publications, and at all school-sponsored events. Tobacco promotional items that promote the use of tobacco products, including clothing, bags, lighters, and other personal articles are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored events.

Section 5. Providing Notice

“No Tobacco” signs will be posted throughout the school at entrances and other appropriate locations on all academic buildings, administrative spaces, school grounds, and athletic fields. Students will be provided notice of this policy through student handbooks and school personnel will be provided notice of this policy through personnel handbooks. School vehicles will display the international “No Smoking” insignia. Announcements will be made during home athletic events both before the event and during intermission, as well as at all school functions where deemed appropriate. School programs will include a written reminder of the tobacco-free policy.

Section 6. Enforcement

Enforcement policies will be consistent with the Student Code of Conduct and shall include informative measures to provide the student with the dangers and risks of tobacco-use.

Section 7. Educational Reinforcement

Tobacco-use prevention education should be closely coordinated with the other components of the school health program. Staff responsible for teaching tobacco-use prevention should have adequate pre-service training and participate in ongoing professional development activities to effectively deliver educational programming. Preparation and professional development activities should provide basic knowledge about the effects of tobacco use and effects of peer pressure on tobacco use combined with skill practice in effective instructional techniques and strategies and program-specific activities.

Section 8. Tobacco Education Program Resources

To search for educational materials and local tobacco cessation programs, visit www.odh.ohio.gov/tobacco

Legal References

Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. § 6081 et seq (1994).
ORC §§ 3313.20, 3313.47, 3313.751, 3314.05(B)(5), 3781.031