

Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School (BSFCS)

Tobacco-Free School Policy

The BSFCS Governing Board recognizes that smoking and other uses of tobacco and nicotine products constitute a serious public health hazard and are inconsistent with goals to provide a healthy environment for students and staff.

The School shall provide developmentally appropriate tobacco-use prevention instruction for students at selected grade levels from K-12 pursuant to *Education Code* 51202. Such instruction shall be aligned with state content standards and the state curriculum framework for health education and with any requirements of state and/or federal grant programs in which the district participates. Tobacco-use prevention programs based on the model program designs identified by the California Department of Education (CDE) and may be adopted to meet school needs. The school shall not accept for distribution any materials or advertisements that promote the use or sale of tobacco products. The school also shall not accept tobacco-use prevention or intervention funds or materials from the tobacco industry or from any entity which is known to have received funding from the tobacco industry. To evaluate the effectiveness of the program and ensure accountability, the school shall biennially administer the California Healthy Kids Survey or other appropriate student survey at selected grade levels in order to assess student attitudes toward tobacco and student use of tobacco. The Administrator shall annually report to the Board, and to the CDE if required, the data specified in *Health and Safety Code* 104450. The results of program evaluations shall be used to refine program goals and objectives and make changes as needed to strengthen program implementation.

The Board prohibits smoking and/or the use of tobacco products at any time in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles.

These prohibitions apply to all employees, students, and visitors at any school-sponsored instructional program, activity, or athletic event held on or off district property. Any written joint use agreement governing community use of district facilities or grounds shall include notice of the district's tobacco-free schools policy and consequences for violations of the policy.

Smoking means: inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, tobacco, or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural or

synthetic, in any manner or form, and includes the use of an electronic smoking device that creates aerosol or vapor or of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking.

Tobacco products include: Any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, or snuff

1. An electronic device that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah
2. Any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately.

These prohibitions do not apply to a person's possession or use of his/her own prescription products that have been approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration. However, student possession or use of prescription products in school shall be subject to the school's policy and regulation for addressing the administration of medications on campus.

Smoking or use of any tobacco-related product or disposal of any tobacco-related waste is prohibited within 25 feet of any playground, except on a public sidewalk located within 25 feet of the playground. In addition, any form of intimidation, threat, or retaliation against a person for attempting to enforce this policy is prohibited.

Information about the district's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures shall be communicated clearly to employees, parents/guardians, students, and the community. The Administrator, or designee, may disseminate this information through annual written notifications, school web site, handbooks, and/or other appropriate methods of communication. The Administrator, or designee, shall ensure that signs stating "Tobacco use is prohibited" are prominently displayed at all entrances to school property.

Enforcement/Discipline

Any employee or student who violates the district's tobacco-free schools policy shall be asked to refrain from smoking and shall be subject to disciplinary action as appropriate. Any other person who violates the district's policy on tobacco-free schools shall be informed of the district's policy and asked to refrain from smoking. If the person fails to comply with this request, the Administrator, or designee, may:

1. Direct the person to leave school property
2. Request local law enforcement assistance in removing the person from school premises
3. If the person repeatedly violates the tobacco-free schools policy, prohibit him/her from entering district property for a specified period of time

The Administrator, or designee, shall not be required to physically eject a nonemployee who is smoking or to request that the nonemployee refrain from smoking under circumstances involving a risk of physical harm to the district or any employee.

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