

7434 - TOBACCO AND NICOTINE USE

The School Board is committed to providing students, staff, and visitors with a tobacco and nicotine free environment. The negative health effects of the use of tobacco and nicotine products for both users and nonusers, particularly in connection with second hand smoke, are well established. Further, providing a tobacco and nicotine free environment is consistent with the role-modeling responsibilities of teachers and staff for our students.

For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco and nicotine products" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, ~~or~~ any other substance or product that contains tobacco or nicotine, as well as any uses of electronic cigarette/cigar or any other product designed or manufactured to imitate any of the products mentioned herein regardless of whether it contains tobacco or nicotine. "Use of tobacco and nicotine products" ~~Such use~~ shall not include use of ~~smoking cessation products such as~~ nicotine patches or nicotine gum for their intended purposes, so long as Florida law does not prohibit the person, based upon his/her age, from possessing nicotine patches or nicotine gum.

No person may use tobacco or nicotine products in any Board facility, including the outside grounds, or in any Board owned or operated vehicle.

F.S. 386.202, 386.204, 386.212
20 U.S.C. 6081 et seq., 20 U.S.C. 7182

Approved as to form and legality



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