

5.5 TOBACCO-FREE POLICY STUDENTS PRE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE AND DISTRICT EMPLOYEES, SCHOOLS, PARENTS, AND VISITORS

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- 5.5.1 For the purpose of this policy, tobacco shall be defined as any product containing tobacco or nicotine including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, electronic cigarettes, dissolvable tobacco, and nicotine gum or lozenges.
- 5.5.2 Tobacco is the number one killer and the leading cause of preventable death in Utah and nationwide. To support and model a healthy lifestyle for our students, the school board of Tooele County establishes the following tobacco-free policy.

The health hazards of tobacco use have been well established. This policy as stated is established to:

- (1) Reflect and emphasize the hazards of tobacco use;
- (2) Comply with state and federal laws;
- (3) Protect the health and safety of all students, employees and the general public;
- (4) Set a non-tobacco use example by adults.

The Tooele County School District and property shall be tobacco-free 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. This includes all days when school is not in session and during all functions taking place on school grounds, such as athletic functions and other activities not associated with or sponsored by the school.

The following policy coincides with the Utah Clean Air Act Section 26-38-2(k), U.C.A. §195 3, as amended.

5.5.3 Tobacco use by students in pre kindergarten through 12th grades and district employees is prohibited.

A. All tobacco use by students, parents, visitors and chaperones on school property or district property, in school owned vehicles, and at school-sponsored functions/classes away from school property, including fieldtrips, is strictly prohibited. In the event that any student in grades pre-kindergarten through six violates this policy, the following will occur:

1. First Violation: A school administrator will meet with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student. Upon meeting with the school administrator, educational materials will be provided to the parent/guardian and student. The parent/guardian and student will sign a non-use contract. If the student refuses the options, he/she will be referred to the local law enforcement and will be processed through the court system according to Utah laws.
2. Subsequent Violations: The student will be referred to the local law enforcement and will be processed through the judicial system according to state laws for his/her offense(s). The school administrator will meet with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student.

B. In the event that any student in grades seven through 12 violates this policy, the following will occur:

1. First Violation: A school administrator will meet with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student and require the student to complete a cessation class (the Tooele County Health Department offers "Ending Nicotine Dependence" (END) a tobacco cessation class specifically for teens) and complete provided educational materials or be referred to the Utah Quit Line, 1-800-QUIT-NOW or Utahquitnet.com. If the student chooses to contact the Quit Line, he/she must provide proof of completion (Quit Line packet/certificate). The student and parent/guardian will sign a non-use contract. If the student refuses the options, he/she will be referred to the local law enforcement and will be processed through the judicial system according to Utah laws.
3. Subsequent Violations: The school administrator will meet with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student.

C. In the event that any Tooele County School District employee violates this policy, the following will occur:

1. First Violation: a school or district administrator will notify the employee of the policy in writing.
2. Second Violation: A school or district administrator will require the employee to complete a cessation class and be referred to the Utah Quit Line, 1-800-QUIT-NOW or Utahquitnet.com. If the employee refuses the options, he/she will be referred to the local law enforcement and will be processed through the judicial system according to Utah laws.
3. Third Violation: District disciplinary policy will then be followed in resolving violations.

5.5.4 Possession of tobacco or tobacco paraphernalia by students is strictly prohibited within 1,000 feet of district property. Paraphernalia, such as lighters, matches, strikers, and any incendiary device are in violation of the Tooele County School District Safe School Policy. (Section 11.9, #5)

A. In the event that any student in grades pre kindergarten through six violates this policy, the following will occur:

1. First Violation: A school administrator will meet with the parent/guardian(s) and student. Upon meeting with the school administrator, educational materials will be provided to the parent/guardian and student. If the student refuses the options, he/she will be referred to the local law enforcement and will be processed through the court system according to Utah laws.
2. Subsequent Violations: The school administrator will meet with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student. The student will be referred to the local law enforcement, and will be processed through the judicial system according to state law for his/her offense(s).

B. In the event that any student in grades seven through 12 violates this policy, the following will occur:

1. First Violation: A school administrator will meet with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student. The school administrator will require the student to complete a cessation class (the Tooele County Health Department offers "Ending Nicotine Dependence" (END) a tobacco cessation class specifically for teens) and complete educational materials or be referred to the Utah Quit Line, 1-800-QUIT-NOW or Utahquitnet.com. If the student chooses to contact the Quit Line, he/she must provide proof of completion (Quit Line packet/certificate). The student and parent guardian will sign a non-use contract. If the student refuses the options, he/she will be referred to the local law enforcement and will be processed through the judicial system according to Utah laws.
2. Subsequent Violations: The school administrator will meet with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student.

C. In the event that any Tooele County School District employee violates this policy, the following will occur:

1. First Violation: The employee will be notified in writing that possession of tobacco or tobacco paraphernalia must be strictly kept from students' view or access.
2. Second Violation: District disciplinary policy will then be followed in resolving violations.

5.5.5 No tobacco advertising (e.g., on signs, clothing, accessories or hats) will be permitted in any form in school or district buildings, at school functions/classes, fieldtrips, or in school publications.

5.5.6 Clothing and other articles of attire worn at school or on district property may not display advertisement for, endorsements of, or implications of tobacco, tobacco companies, or tobacco use in any form. This policy applies to students, employees, parents/guardians and visitors at schools or on district property in any capacity. In the event that this policy is violated by students, the following will occur:

1. First Violation: The school administrator will contact the parent/guardian and inform the parent/guardian and student that the clothing is inappropriate and must not be worn again. This notice will serve as a warning to the student and parent/guardian. Alternate clothing will be provided.
2. Subsequent Violations: The school administrator will meet with the parent/guardian and student to determine appropriate consequences. The student will be suspended for one to three days.

If an employee violates this policy, the employee will receive written notice from a school or district administrator that adherence is expected, and if not accomplished, Board policy will be followed.

5.5.7 Endorsement or sponsorship in any form of any school-related event by tobacco companies is strictly prohibited.

5.5.8 The sale, delivery, transfer or distribution of tobacco or tobacco paraphernalia in any form by a student, employee, parent/guardian or chaperone, or visitor is strictly prohibited when it occurs in a school building, in or on school district property, or at any school sponsored activity, including fieldtrips.

5.5.9 Tobacco Use Prevention Programs

A. Tooele County School District will provide instruction about the short-and-long-term negative physiologic and social consequences of tobacco use, social influences on tobacco use, peer norms regarding tobacco use, and refusal skills. Tobacco prevention curricula will be:

- Consistent with CDC (Center for Disease Control) Guidelines.
- Developmentally appropriate for intended age.

- Non-biased.
 - Of high standard and quality, and will provide:
 - Accurate and up-to-date information.
 - Sound educational methodology for the recommended audiences.
 - Clear and consistent messages.
- B. Tooele County School District will establish and maintain a referral system to cessation services (classes) on or off school campus for students/employees and will update the information regularly. Any student/employee who is interested in quitting tobacco use may take these classes on a voluntary basis. Students will not be penalized in any way for requesting to take a cessation class on a voluntary basis. The school will make every effort to assist the student in accessing this program.
- C. Tooele County School District is committed to community and family involvement regarding tobacco prevention and control. To establish and maintain this involvement, Tooele County School District will organize and maintain a coalition of community, family and school partners, which will be responsible for:
1. Reviewing and revising the tobacco use policy on an annual basis, and
 2. Planning and carrying out a tobacco prevention annual event.
- 5.5.10 Tooele County School District will provide Tobacco-Free Policy training for employees on an annual basis.
- 5.5.11 Tooele County School District will evaluate the tobacco-use prevention program and policy by:
- A. Assessing the tobacco-use prevention program at regular intervals.
 - B. Evaluating whether Tooele County School District is providing an effective policy, curricula, training, family and community involvement, and cessation programs.
- 5.5.12 Visitors/Chaperones to the district facilities must comply with regulations set forth by this policy:
- A. Smoking or the use of tobacco products by visitors/chaperones is prohibited. This includes activities during non-school hours and all functions of the school, athletic or otherwise. This also includes activities sponsored by other organizations that use district property.
 - B. Visitors/Chaperones found smoking or using tobacco products will be asked by the appropriate school official to refrain from smoking or tobacco use while on district property. They will be informed of the school's tobacco-free policy. If the visitors/chaperones do not comply, they will be asked to leave. If they refuse to leave, the police or health department may be called.
 - C. Visitors/Chaperones at schools or in district buildings violating any part of this policy will be informed of this policy, and of state law, and asked to adhere to this policy. Subsequent violations by the same individual will result in a referral to the local law enforcement.