

TOBACCO ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The Edmond Board of Education understands the concern of the parents, educators, students and other community members regarding the adverse effects of tobacco and secondhand smoke. The use of a tobacco product or vapor product shall be prohibited anywhere, any time, and by any person in or on an educational facility that offers an early childhood education program or in which children in grades kindergarten through twelve are educated. This extends to school vehicles, and at any school-sponsored or school-sanctioned event or activity, including those held off campus.

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

1. “Educational facility” is defined as any property, building, permanent structure, facility, auditorium, stadium, arena, or recreational facility owned, leased, or under the control of the school district.
2. “School vehicle” is defined as any transportation equipment or auxiliary transportation equipment as defined in 70 O.S. § 9-104.
3. “Chewing tobacco” is defined as any Cavendish, twist, plug, scrap, and any other kinds and forms of tobacco suitable for chewing.
4. “Smoking tobacco” is defined as any granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and any other kinds and forms of tobacco suitable for smoking in a pipe or cigarette.
5. “Tobacco product” is defined as any bidis, cigars, cheroots, stogies, smoking tobacco, and chewing tobacco, however prepared. Tobacco products shall include any other articles or products made of tobacco or any substitute thereof.
6. “Vapor product” is defined as noncombustible products, that may or may not contain nicotine, that employ a mechanical heating element, battery, electronic circuit or other mechanism, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce a vapor in a solution or other form. Vapor product shall also include any vapor cartridge or other container with or without nicotine or other form that is intended to be used with an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of a solution, that may or may not contain nicotine, that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo or electronic device. Vapor products do not include any products regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act.

Students found being in possession of cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, or any other form of tobacco product or tobacco vapor product will have their parents contacted and will receive disciplinary action. The school administrator will confiscate the prohibited tobacco product and the student will receive resources for tobacco cessation. **Further disciplinary action may be taken following Discipline Policy #4401.**

Employees who violate this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. Information about cessation resources will be provided to employees found in violation of this policy.

Visitors who violate this policy shall be subject to a verbal request to the individual to stop. If the person refuses to stop, the individual will be requested to leave. If the person refuses to leave, they will be referred to local authorities.