



TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS POLICY

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida recognizes that the use of tobacco products is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, employees, visitors, and school facilities. The Board acknowledges that adult employees and visitors serve as role models for students and that the Board's acceptance of any use of tobacco products implies school approval, if not endorsement, of such use. In addition, the Board recognizes that it has an obligation to promote positive role models in schools and promote a healthy learning and working environment free from unwanted smoke for the students, employees, and visitors to the school campus. Finally, the Board recognizes that it has legal authority and an obligation pursuant to Section 386.209, F.S.

(1) Tobacco Use Prohibited

No student, staff member, or school visitor is permitted to use any tobacco product at any time, including non-school hours:

- A. In any building, facility, or vehicle that is owned, leased, rented, or chartered by the School District of Escambia County, Florida;
- B. On any school grounds/property - including athletic fields; and any parking lots that are owned, leased, rented, or chartered by the School District of Escambia County Florida; or
- C. At any school-sponsored or school-related event on-campus or off-campus. In addition, no student is permitted to possess a tobacco product. This policy may permit tobacco products to be included in instructional or research activities in a public school building if the activity is conducted or supervised by the faculty member overseeing the instruction or research activity and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the tobacco product.

(2) Tobacco Products

For the purposes of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include products that include tobacco/nicotine and are intended or expected for human use or consumption, including but not limited to, any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi cigarette, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product, and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew and snuff, in any form (i.e. lozenges, strips, pouches, etc.).



(3) School Grounds and Property

School grounds and property means and includes land, school facilities, and school district vehicles including any used for the provision of academic and/or extracurricular programs. School grounds include playgrounds and recreational places. School grounds include that portion of land, school facilities and other facilities owned by the School District of Escambia County, Florida and municipalities, private entities or other individuals during those times when the school district has exclusive use of a portion of such land, school facilities, or other facilities for the provision of extracurricular programs.

(4) Time of Day

Any time means during normal school and non-school hours – 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Rulemaking Authority: Sections 1001.41; 1001.42; 1001.43, F.S.

Law Implemented: Section 386.209, F.S.