

## Policy GBED Tobacco-Free Schools/Staff No Smoking

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Prohibits the use of all tobacco containing or tobacco derived products, smokeless tobacco (snuff, chewing tobacco, dip, snus), vaping, and alternative nicotine products, such as e-cigarettes, etc. by all staff

Ensures that tobacco use prevention programs, as recommended by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, and the South Carolina Department of Education, are an integral part of district substance abuse prevention efforts.

Although smoking is a personal habit, the district believes the use of tobacco products is detrimental to the health of students and staff, stakeholders, customers, parents/legal guardians, and visitors, and also contrary to the board's objective to teach and model appropriate health habits and values.

The superintendent will create the necessary rules and regulations to enforce this policy.

The board directs the administration to ensure that signs designating district property as tobacco-free are conspicuously displayed and to investigate alleged violations of this policy.

This policy and the accompanying administrative rule will be referenced annually in the Richland One Employee Handbook. The district does not permit the use of tobacco for smoking or the use of smokeless varieties of tobacco of any kind, on district property or in district vehicles. Disciplinary actions may range from oral reprimand to employee termination or legal actions.

The district does not allow students to use or to possess tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia. This restriction applies while students are on school grounds, in the school buildings, on buses, or during any other time they are under the direct administrative jurisdiction of the school whether on or off the school grounds.

The district will not accept any contributions, gifts, money, or materials from the tobacco industry. The district will not participate in any type of services that are funded by the tobacco industry. In addition, any gear, paraphernalia, clothing, etc., that advertises tobacco or alternative tobacco products, or tobacco or alternative tobacco product use, will not be allowed on district grounds or in the possession of students, staff, parents/legal guardians, contract and other workers, volunteers, visitors, and other members of the public on district property or at district-sponsored events.

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### Legal References:

United States Code of Laws, as amended:

Pro-Children Act of 2001, [20U.S.C.A.Section7972](#), *et seq.*

S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

[Section16-17-490](#) - Prohibits contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

[Section16-17-500](#), *et seq.* - Youth Access to Tobacco Prevention Act of 2006.

[Section44-95-10](#), *et seq.* - Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990.

[Section59-1-380](#) - Requires a written district policy prohibiting the use of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products on school property or at school-sponsored events.

[Section59-67-150](#) - Prohibits use of tobacco products on school buses.

**Richland County School District One**