



MILLWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

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The Board recognizes that the use of tobacco is harmful to health. All students and adults have the right to freedom from tobacco and its use. In order to provide a safer school environment, the use of tobacco in any form by students, staff or visitors will not be permitted in the schools, on school property, within thirty feet of a school, on the bus, or at school sponsored activities twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, including non-school hours.

Employees are warned that violation of this policy may lead to dismissal action. Patrons who violate this policy will be asked to leave the school premises. Students violating this policy will be disciplined according to the district's discipline policy.

Legal Reference: Oklahoma Statutes 63-1-1523 through 63-1-1527, 21-1242
HB2529,2000 Legislative Session, effective November 1, 2000
Cross Reference: Board Policy J-27, Student Use of Tobacco

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No smoking, the use of snuff, chewing tobacco electronic cigarettes, or any other form of tobacco or smokeless tobacco products shall occur in the buildings or on the grounds or property of Millwood Public Schools 24 hours a day 7 days a week, including non-school hours. Usage is barred for all persons, including, but not limited to, employees, students or patrons. Signs will be posted in prominent places on school property to notify the public that smoking is prohibited.

1. "School property" is defined as all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by any school in this district including but not limited to the following:

A. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction administration support services, maintenance or storage. This also includes but not limited to areas normally reserved for the exclusive use of faculty or support staff.

B. All school grounds and buildings over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking lots.

C. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.

2. "Tobacco" is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such a manner to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both, and includes cloves; or any other product packages for smoking.

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigs) are a smokeless tobacco product. E-cigs mimic the effects of smoking, from holding the cigarette to smoke-like vapors they emit. These cigarettes look-alikes contain a batter-powered cylinder that holds nicotine-filled cartridges.

3. "Use" is defined as lighting, chewing, dipping inhaling or smoking any tobacco or smokeless tobacco product as defined within this policy.

4. District employees and students will not be permitted to use tobacco, tobacco products or smokeless tobacco productions while they are participants in any class or activity in which they represent the school district

5. This district will not participate in any type of services that are funded by the tobacco industry.

6. It is specifically designated that this policy will apply to school sponsored events held off campus.

Signs will be posted in prominent places on school property to notify the public that smoking or other use of tobacco products or smokeless tobacco products is prohibited. If students are found to be carrying cigarettes or other tobacco products or smokeless tobacco the tobacco or smokeless tobacco product will be confiscated and the students will be disciplined. Employees will be warned that violation of this policy may lead to disciplinary action. Visitors may be asked to leave the school premises.

Reference: HB2529 Smoking in Public Places Act