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SMOKING AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS PROHIBITED

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It is the policy of the Board of Education to promote the health and safety of all students and staff and to promote the cleanliness of all school facilities. To this end, the Board prohibits at all times the use of any tobacco product or electronic smoking devices, including electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, and other electronic smoking devices, whether or not they contain tobacco or nicotine, by any person in any school building or facility, or on school grounds, and in or on any school property owned or operated by the Pamlico County Schools. For the purpose of this policy, the term "tobacco product" means any product that contains or is made or derived from tobacco and is intended for human consumption. This policy also prohibits the use of any tobacco product by persons attending a school-sponsored event at a location not listed above when in the presence of students or school personnel or in an area where smoking is otherwise prohibited by law.

Tobacco products may be included in instructional or research activities in school buildings, provided the activity is conducted or supervised by a faculty member overseeing the instructional research, and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the tobacco product. Permission must be obtained from the principal prior to conducting any such instructional or research activities.

The Superintendent is responsible for providing adequate notice to students, parents, the public and school personnel of this policy, including posting signs regarding this policy in every school building. The Superintendent is also responsible for enforcing this policy at the central office of the Pamlico County Schools. The principal of each school in the school system is responsible for enforcing this policy at his or her respective school and shall require that school personnel enforce this policy.

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