

SMOKING, TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS POLICY

To protect the health of all students the Board Directors desires to cooperate with state and federal agencies with regards to statutes on Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug use at Public Schools.

PLCS therefore prohibits the use of all forms of tobacco, smoke, and electronic and mechanical nicotine delivery devices on campus. PLCS prohibits any advertising, sale, or free sampling of such products. Littering the PLCS campus or property with the remains of tobacco, smoke, or mechanical nicotine delivery devices or any other related waste product is prohibited.

Tobacco

Palm Lane Elementary Charter School does not permit the smoking of or use of tobacco, or any product containing tobacco or any nicotine product, by pupils of PLCS while they are on campus, or while attending school-related activities or while under the supervision and control of school employees.

Alcohol and other drugs

Palm Lane Elementary Charter School does not permit the use of Alcohol and other drugs and will take action to eliminate possession, use or sale of alcohol and other drugs and related paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities.

The tobacco, alcohol and other drugs free Policy applies to all PLCS facilities and vehicles, owned or leased, regardless of location. Smoking, drinking alcohol or use of illegal drugs shall not be permitted in any enclosed place. Smoking, drinking alcohol or use of illegal drugs shall also be prohibited outdoors on all PLCS campus property, including parking lots. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and other persons on campus, regardless of the purpose for their visit.

The Board shall take all steps it deems practical to discourage students from smoking or using any tobacco related products, alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia.

Students possessing, using or selling tobacco, alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including suspension or expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement in accordance with the law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

Definitions

Smoking – means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, including a hookah pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product, including marijuana, intended for inhalation, in any manner or in any form. “Smoking” also includes the use of an e-cigarette which creates a vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Policy.

Tobacco Products and/or related paraphernalia - All forms of tobacco, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco.

Electronic and Mechanical Nicotine Delivery Devices and/or related paraphernalia - All devices that deliver a dose of nicotine either with or without combustion such as electronic cigarettes. This definition includes any electronic oral device, such as one composed of a heating element, battery, and/or electronic circuit, which provides a vapor of nicotine or any other substances, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term shall include any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, or under any other product name or descriptor.

PLCS campus/property - All buildings and structures, parking lots, walkways and attached parking structures owned or controlled by PLCS.