



## **Tobacco Use By Students Policy 2023-2024**

### **Tobacco Use By Students**

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the board's prohibition of tobacco use by students.

The board believes that tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke (environmental tobacco smoke) are hazardous to the health of human beings, especially children. Therefore, the board affirms that one of the best methods of instruction is one that is provided within a 100% tobacco-free environment.

High Point Academy does not allow students to use or possess tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia. This restriction applies while students are on school grounds, in 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.

### **Goal**

The goal of this policy is to provide a 100% tobacco-free, smoke-free environment for all students, staff, and visitors within all district facilities, vehicles, and grounds and at all High Point Academy-sponsored events by doing the following.

- exhibiting healthy behavior for all students, staff, visitors, and the entire community
- utilizing proven and effective science-based tobacco use prevention curricula
- providing access to cessation counseling or referral services for all students and staff

### **Procedures**

- Prohibit the use and/or possession of all tobacco products or paraphernalia including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, and all alternative nicotine products such as e-cigarettes by all students, staff, contract, and other workers and visitors.
- Ensure 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.

- Provide and/or refer to cessation services for students and staff. <sup>1</sup>

## **Enforcement**

High Point Academy will enforce this policy by determining appropriate disciplinary actions for violators (students, faculty, visitors) such as the following.

- parent/legal guardian/administrator conferences
- mandatory enrollment in a tobacco prevention education program
- community service
- in-school suspension
- out-of-school suspension
- Suspension from extracurricular activities

## **Education and assistance**

High Point Academy will be responsible for utilizing proven and effective tobacco use prevention curricula to educate all students and provide appropriate counseling and/or referral services for students.

## **Tobacco industry marketing or sponsorship**

High Point Academy will not accept any contributions or gifts, money, or materials from the tobacco industry. High Point Academy 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 use or tobacco products will not be allowed on district grounds or in possession of faculty, staff, or students at district-sponsored events.

Cf. **ADC, GBED**

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Legal references:

Federal Law:

Pro-Children Act of 2001, **20 U.S.C.A. Sections 7182-7184.**

S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

**Section 16-17-490** - Contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

**Section 16-17-500** - Youth Access to Tobacco Prevention Act of 2006 (supplying minors with tobacco or alternative nicotine products).

**Section 44-95-10, et seq.** - Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990.

**Section 59-67-150** - Qualifications of bus driver; drinking or smoking on the bus.

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<sup>1</sup> Revised September 2022

