

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices Possession and/or Use on School Premises

To promote the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors to the schools and to promote the cleanliness of all facilities, the Board prohibits the use of all tobacco products on all premises owned by, rented by, or under the control of the school district, at district sponsored events, and in all school vehicles by all persons at all times except as expressly provided in this policy. Furthermore, this policy prohibits students from possessing tobacco products in all of the before mentioned circumstances and/or locations cited above.

The River Valley School District Board of Education recognizes that the use of commercial tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, staff, visitors, and school facilities. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of commercial tobacco products, both to users and non-users. The Board believes that the use or promotion of commercial tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, on school grounds and at off-campus school-sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors. The Board embraces its obligation to provide an environment for learning and working that is safe, healthy, and free from unwanted smoke and commercial tobacco use for the students, staff, and visitors.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student of River Valley School District to possess, use, consume, display, promote, or sell any commercial tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices at any time on all premises owned by, rented by, or under the control of the school district, at district sponsored events, and in all school vehicles.

For the purposes of this policy, "use of all tobacco products" means to chew or maintain any substance containing tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, in the mouth to derive the effects of tobacco, as well as all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, any other matter or substances that contain tobacco. Also included are papers used to roll cigarettes and/or the possession or use of electronic smoking devices, defined as any electronic device containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that an individual may use to simulate smoking by inhaling vapor or aerosol from the device, regardless of whether the device is manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an "e-cigarette," "e-cigar," "e-pipe," "e-hookah," or "vape pen," "mods," "tank systems," "JUUL," or under any other product name or descriptor, or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes and any other lighted smoking devices for burning tobacco or any other substance.

The administrative staff shall be responsible for informing students, staff and school visitors of this policy and of any actions that may be taken as a result of policy violations to include school disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with laws or ordinances.

Tobacco products may be used in the following areas by individuals who are of legal age to use tobacco products when those facilities are rented to another person or organization for non-educational purposes:

1. North Park ball diamond in Spring Green.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 101.123 Wisconsin Statutes

120.13(1) 121.02(1)(i) 120.12(20) 254.92

PI 8.01(2)(i), Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: River Valley Employee Handbook

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