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5512 ~~USE OF TOBACCO~~ TOBACCO USE PREVENTION

The Board of Managers recognizes that the use of tobacco presents a health hazard that can have serious consequences both for the user and the nonuser and is, therefore, of concern to the Board.

~~For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including a cigar, cigarette, pipe, snuff, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco, as well as electronic, "vapor," or other substitute forms of cigarettes.~~ For purposes of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product; spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, nicotine pouch and snuff, in any form; and all electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), such as e-cigarettes and vape and hookah pens.

In Indiana, the purchase and possession of tobacco products is illegal for persons under the age of twenty-one (21). The use of tobacco products poses health issues for the user, and second-hand smoke is a threat to the personal health of others. In addition, nicotine is a powerfully addictive substance, and the use of tobacco products could lead to nicotine addiction.

In order to protect students and staff who choose not to use tobacco from an environment noxious to them, and because the Board cannot, even by ~~indirection~~ indecision, condone the use of tobacco, the Board prohibits the use and/or possession of tobacco by students at all times within any facility owned, leased, or contracted for by the Cooperative. The Board also prohibits the use and/or possession of tobacco anywhere on the campus of any facility owned, leased, or contracted for by the Cooperative or its member corporations, including but not limited to practice fields, playgrounds, football fields, baseball fields, softball fields, pool areas, soccer fields, tennis courts, and all open ~~areas~~-areas, and ~~will~~ this prohibition shall remain in effect at all times. Furthermore, the Board prohibits the use and/or possession of tobacco in all vehicles owned or operated by the Cooperative or its member corporations, including but not limited to school buses, special purpose buses, vans, trucks, and cars.

The administration of each school or building ~~will~~ shall take appropriate action, as provided for in the Student Code of Conduct, in cases involving students who use and/or possess tobacco in violation of this policy. ~~(x)~~ These actions may include non-punitive approaches, as outlined in the Director's administrative guidelines, for students in violation of this policy.

~~[] The Director's administrative guidelines shall include a comprehensive plan to communicate the prohibitions set forth in this policy regarding the use of tobacco, as defined herein, by students, staff, parents, vendors and any other individuals in the Cooperative's schools, offices, and/or other facilities, as well as on the grounds of the Cooperative's schools, offices and other facilities. The plan also shall also communicate the prohibitions set forth in this policy regarding the use of tobacco tobacco, as defined herein herein, by those who drive, or are passengers in, Cooperative vehicles of any type.~~

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20 U.S.C. 6081 et seq., 20 U.S.C. 7181 et seq.