

SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The Gowanda Central School District recognizes its responsibility to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and others on school property and at school sponsored activities.

School Grounds

Tobacco use shall not be permitted and no person shall use tobacco on school grounds or within one hundred (100) feet of the entrances or exits, of any public elementary, middle or high school building. However, this shall not apply to smoking in a residence, or within the real property boundary lines of such residential real property. For purposes of this policy, "school grounds" means any building, structure, and surrounding outdoor grounds, including entrances or exits, contained within the District's elementary, middle or high school's legally defined property boundaries as registered in the County Clerk's Office; as well as all District vehicles, including vehicles used to transport children or school personnel.

For purposes of this policy, tobacco is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product, and spit, spitless or dissolvable tobacco (sticks, orbs, snus, strips smokeless, dip, chew and/or snuff) in any form.

The use of e-cigarettes cigarettes and any other products containing nicotine, except for current, FDA-approved smoking cessation products are also prohibited.

Off School Grounds

Tobacco use is prohibited by students, and other youth at any school-sponsored event or activity off campus. Tobacco use in the presence of students or other youth is prohibited by staff, chaperones and adult participants at any school-sponsored event or activity off campus. However, designated tobacco use breaks may be approved by the person in charge of the event when appropriate for staff, chaperones and adult participants.

Posting/Notification of Policy

In compliance with the New York State Clean Indoor Air Act, the District will prominently post its Smoking/Tobacco Use policy and signs prohibiting **all** forms of tobacco products in District buildings and other appropriate locations; and will supply a copy upon request to any current or prospective employee.

The District shall also ensure that this policy is communicated to staff, students, parents/guardians, volunteers, and visitors annually and as deemed appropriate in order to orient all persons to the District's "No Tobacco Use" Policy and environment.

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Prohibition of Tobacco Promotional Items/Tobacco Advertising

- Tobacco promotional items (e.g., brand names, logos and other identifiers) are prohibited:
 - a) On school grounds;
 - b) In school vehicles;
 - c) At school-sponsored events, including those that take place off school premises and in another state;
 - d) In school publications;
 - e) On clothing, shoes, accessories, gear, and school supplies in accordance with the District Code of Conduct and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

This prohibition of tobacco promotional items shall be implemented in accordance with the Code of Conduct and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

In addition, tobacco advertising is also prohibited in all school-sponsored publications and at all school sponsored events.

Tobacco Distribution

Distribution, sharing or sale of tobacco including any smoking device is prohibited on school property, grounds, and at any school-sponsored events.

Tobacco Cessation

Referrals and access to community resources and programs to help students and staff overcome tobacco addiction shall be provided to staff and students.

This policy remains in effect at all times.

Ref: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 United States Code (USC) Section 7101 et seq.
Pro-Children Act of 2001, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 United States Code (USC)
Sections 7181-7184
Education Law Sections 409, 2801(1) and 3020-a
Public Health Law Article 13-E

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9330, Smoking by Staff

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