

Administrative Regulation 1332 Alcohol, Tobacco and Controlled Substances Prohibited

Responsible Office: Office of the General Counsel – Policy Development

PURPOSE

The Washoe County School District recognizes its responsibility to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, faculty and staff, parents/guardians, and other visitors on District property and at school-sponsored activities. This administrative regulation establishes the District's procedure concerning the use and possession of alcohol, tobacco and controlled substances on District property and at any activity sponsored by the District. Such use includes smokeless tobacco and "herbal" or "fake" chew products and any device which simulates smoking such as an electronic cigarette, cigar or pipe, personal vaporizer, e-hookah, or electronic nicotine delivery system.

REGULATION

1. Miscellaneous

- a. For the purposes of this document, District property includes any building, owned or leased by the District, used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance, parking lots or storage; the grounds and surrounding buildings; bus stops; and all District-owned vehicles.
- This regulation applies to all faculty and staff, students, parents/guardians, volunteers and other visitors to District property or District-sponsored events.

2. Tobacco, Smokeless Tobacco, E-Cigarettes

- a. Since the use of tobacco products has been identified as a major health problem in the United States, it is the intention of the Washoe County School District to be tobacco free.
- b. Nevada state law provides that the District may impose restrictions on the smoking, use, sale, distribution, marketing, display or promotion of tobacco or products made from tobacco on District property, buildings, facilities and vehicles of the District.
 - i. Through this administrative regulation, that restriction is extended to the possession and use of smokeless tobacco products, to include "herbal" or "fake" chew and any device which simulates smoking such as an electronic cigarette, cigar or pipe, personal vaporizer, ehookah, or electronic nicotine delivery system.

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- c. It is the policy of the District that smoking, carrying lit tobacco products, and/or the use of smokeless tobacco products and devices which simulate smoking is prohibited at any time on District property, including non-school hours.
- d. The District will not permit cigarette vending machines or the advertising of tobacco products in any District building nor will it allow the sale of cigarette or other smoking materials or tobacco products on District premises. In addition, no person representing the District may accept donations from tobacco companies.

3. Alcohol and Controlled Substances

a. The possession, sale, consumption or promotion of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances by any person upon any property of the District or at any school-sponsored function is prohibited.

4. Violations

- a. In addition to any penalty resulting from violation of law or District policies or regulations which may occur, any person(s) found to be in violation of this regulation may be requested to leave the premises immediately or be subject to arrest for trespass.
- Violation of alcoholic beverage and controlled substance matters will be referred to the School Police Department for their investigation and appropriate action.
- c. Students and District staff will be subject to disciplinary action for violations and other persons violating this policy shall be instructed to leave the school property. Violations shall be reported to the building site administrator.

5. Cessation and Prevention

- a. Information concerning assistance for the cessation of tobacco use will be available through the District.
 - i. Faculty and staff may contact the District's Wellness Coordinator.
 - ii. Students may contact the school counselor or the District's Safe and Drug Free Schools Division.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- The Board of Trustees believes that education has a central role in establishing patterns of behavior related to good health. The District is concerned about the health of all faculty and staff, students and other visitors to District property and activities. This regulation shall establish the procedure by which alcohol, tobacco and controlled substances shall be banned from District properties.
- 2. Prevention programs in schools are most effective when supplemented by strong tobacco-free policies and when they are a part of broader school, community, and state efforts to reduce youth smoking. In light of this information, and to be consistent with school curriculum and federal and state law, it is the intent of the District to establish a tobacco-free environment.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES & ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- 1. This regulation reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan.
- 2. This regulation complies with the following WCSD governing documents:
 - a. Administrative Procedure PATH-P101, Prohibited Conduct (Students)
 - b. Administrative Procedure PATH-P107, Substance Abuse Discipline Procedure (Students)
 - c. Board Policy 7087, Community Use of School Facilities
- 3. This regulation complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), to include:
 - a. Chapter 202, Crimes Against Public Health and Safety, and specifically:
 - i. NRS 202.015 202.067, Alcoholic Beverages
 - ii. NRS 202.2483 202.2497, Tobacco
- 4. This regulation complies with federal laws and regulations, to include:
 - a. U.S. Department of Education—No Child Left Behind, Title IV C, Sections 4301 4304, Part A. Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities

REVIEW AND REPORTING

1. The Board of Trustees has delegated implementation of this administrative regulation to the Superintendent. A bi-annual audit of this document shall be

conducted, the results of which shall be presented to the Board of Trustees. Such an audit will check for changes to applicable laws, and other relevant information.

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
7/10/1979	1.0	Adopted
1/14/1992	2.0	Revised
9/9/1997	3.0	Revised
8/7/2014	4.0	Revised: merged Administrative Regulation 4163, Tobacco; revised and updated language to include "e-cigarettes"
10/07/2014	4.1	Revised: Section "Policy" 3(a) revised to include the word "promotion"