

P3110 Tobacco Free Campus

The Board of School Trustees for Manchester Community Schools intends to provide a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for students, staff, and citizens. The Board remains committed to reducing involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke among students and staff. The Board believes that the use of tobacco products in a school building denies students, staff, and visitors access to clean air, introduces a health hazard to those persons, and interferes with the learning and teaching environment. It is the intent of the Board to create a "tobacco-free" school environment in its buildings and on its grounds.

"Tobacco" includes any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product; spit tobacco, such as smokeless, dip, chew, and snuff, in any form; and all electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) such as e-cigarettes, vaping devices, and hookah pens.

All persons, including students, employees, and visitors, shall not be permitted to possess or use tobacco products of any kind or in any form while:

1. Inside school corporation-owned buildings.
2. Being transported to or from school events in school corporation-owned, contracted, or other authorized vehicles.
3. On school corporation-owned property outside school corporation-owned buildings.

Any individual who observes a violation of this policy is encouraged to report it under Section B of this policy.

A. Students

Any violation of this policy by students shall be referred to the building principal or assistant principal. Students who violate provisions of this policy shall be subject to the provisions of school board policies and student handbooks regarding student progressive discipline.

B. Visitors

A visitor who is observed using tobacco products inside school corporation-owned buildings shall be asked to refrain from such use.

If a visitor fails to comply with a request to refrain from using tobacco products, he/she shall be referred to a building principal or other school corporation supervisory staff member who is responsible for the building in which the violation occurred. The principal or supervisor shall decide on further action to be taken, which may include a directive to leave school property. Repeated violations may

result in a recommendation to the Superintendent to prohibit the violator from entering school corporation property for a specified period of time. If deemed necessary by a school official, an appropriate local law enforcement agency may be contacted to assist with enforcement of this policy.

C. Employees

Any violation of this Policy by an employee will be referred to his/her immediate supervisor for appropriate disciplinary action.

The superintendent and school principals shall notify students, families, school employees, and visitors of this policy in handbooks and newsletters, on posted notices or signs at every school entrance and other appropriate locations, including the school corporation website.

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