

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Springfield New Jersey 07081

POLICY: SMOKING PROHIBITION

The Board of Education believes that the right of persons to smoke must be balanced against the right of those who do not smoke to breathe air untainted by tobacco smoke. In order to protect pupils and employees who choose not to smoke from an environment noxious to them and potentially damaging to their health, the Board prohibits smoking in all district buildings and on the surround grounds and athletic fields. Smoking is not permitted by district employees, pupils, or any visitors or contractors.

Notice of this policy shall be given at each school entrance in accordance with law. Smoking shall not be permitted at any time in classrooms, lecture halls, auditoriums or on school grounds.

The principal of each school building is authorized to report violations, in accordance with law, to the Board of Health. Violations must also be reported to the Chief School Administrator. Pupils and district employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.

Definition: For purposes of this policy, "smoking" means the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco. Chewing tobacco is also specifically prohibited by this policy.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55 et seq. New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act
 N.J.S.A. 30:5B-5.3 Smoking in child care centers prohibited
 N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.3 Definitions
 N.J.A.C. 6A:16-3.1(a)7 Establishment of comprehensive alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse programs
 N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 Definitions
 N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2(a)4 Policies and procedures for school facility operation
 No Child Left behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

Cross References:

1250 Visitors
 1330 Use of school facilities
 4119.23 Employee substance abuse
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 5131..6 Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)

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