

# POLICY ADC

## Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

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**Responsible Office:** Superintendent

### TOBACCO- AND ALCOHOL-FREE SCHOOLS

#### I. PURPOSE

To protect students and staff from exposure to tobacco and nicotine and to prevent tobacco and alcohol use on school district property.

#### II. BACKGROUND

The Board of Education is committed to preventing students and staff from exposure to, and use of tobacco, which contains nicotine, medically proven to be an addictive substance harmful to a person's health. It is also the Board's belief that school district employees have an obligation to serve as role models for students by refraining from the use of tobacco or alcohol on school district property.

#### III. DEFINITIONS

- A. "School buildings" means local school district owned or leased buildings.
- B. "School grounds" or "school property" means local school district owned or leased land that surrounds a district building/facility.
- C. "School vehicle" means any vehicle owned by the district or any vehicle used to transport students to and from any school or school-related function and which has school-sponsored chaperons.
- D. "Tobacco use" means smoking of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette (including smokeless), or any other lighted smoking equipment or material (including electronic/e-cigarettes with or without nicotine), or the chewing or sniffing of a tobacco product. This shall not include nicotine replacement therapy.

#### IV. POSITION

- A. Any use of tobacco products or possession or use of beverages containing alcohol by staff, students, visitors, or community members is prohibited on school district property, §22-5A-3, NMSA 1978.
- B. Possession or distribution of tobacco products by or to minors is prohibited. This shall include all district buildings, grounds, school vehicles or off-campus events.

- C. Notices advising students, district employees, and community members of this policy shall be posted in appropriate locations in all district buildings and at other district facilities as determined by the superintendent and shall be included in the employee and student handbooks §22-5A-4, NMSA 1978.
- D. Employees and students are subject to discipline for violations of this policy.
- E. The Superintendent shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy.

**V. REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



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*Approved - Board of Education, President*

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