

Smoking on School Grounds

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) prohibits smoking, including smoking using an electronic nicotine delivery system (e.g., e-cigarettes), electronic cannabis delivery system, or vapor product, within the Bethany Public School District (District), including in any area of a District building, including but not limited to any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for, and utilized by the Board for the provision of routine or regular preschool, kindergarten, elementary or other services to children, or on the grounds of such District, or at any District-sponsored activity.

The following definitions shall apply to this policy:

“Any area” shall mean the interior of a District building and the outside area within twenty-five (25) feet of any doorway, window, or air intake vent of a District building.

“Cannabis” shall mean marijuana, as defined in Connecticut General Statutes Section 21a-240.

“Electronic cannabis delivery system” shall mean an electronic device that may be used to simulate smoking in the delivery of cannabis to a person inhaling the device and includes, but is not limited to, a vaporizer, electronic pipe, electronic hookah, and any related device and any cartridge or other component of such device.

“Electronic nicotine delivery system” shall mean an electronic device used in the delivery of nicotine to a person inhaling from the device and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or electronic hookah, and any related device and any cartridge or other component of such device, including, but not limited to, electronic cigarette liquid or synthetic nicotine.

“District-sponsored activity” shall mean any activity sponsored, recognized, or authorized by the Board and includes activities conducted on or off District property.

“Smoke” or “smoking” shall mean the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other similar device, whether containing, wholly or in part, tobacco, cannabis, or hemp.

“Vapor product” shall mean any product that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that may or may not include nicotine or cannabis and is inhaled by the user of such product.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-233a(h)
 Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-342
 Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-342a
 Connecticut General Statutes § 21a-415
 Connecticut General Statutes § 53-344b
 Public Act 21-1
 Pro-Children Act of 2001, Public Law 107-110, 115 Statute 1174, 20 U.S.C. §
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