

## **POLICY 419 TOBACCO – FREE ENVIRONMENT**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a learning and working environment that is tobacco free.

### **II. General Statement of Policy**

- A. The use or possession of tobacco, tobacco-related devices, or electronic cigarettes is prohibited for all persons within all school buildings, school vehicles or school contracted vehicles, or on school grounds during all hours of every calendar day. This prohibition will apply to all students and adults.
- B. The school district will act to enforce this policy and to discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, school personnel, or person who is found to have violated this policy.
- C. Exceptions
  - 1. It is not a violation of this policy when an Indian adult lights tobacco on school district property as a part of a traditional Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony. An Indian is a person who is a member of an Indian tribe as defined under Minnesota law.
  - 2. It is not a violation of this policy when an adult nonstudent possesses a tobacco or nicotine product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product, as a tobacco dependence product, or for other medical purposes, and is being marketed and sold solely for such an approved purpose.

### **III. Dissemination of Policy**

- A. This policy shall appear in the student handbook.
- B. The school district will develop a method of discussing this policy with students and employees.

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(formerly Policy 4152 & 4252)  
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***Cross References:***

Policy 403                    Dismissal of Employees  
Policy 506                    Student Discipline

***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. § 144.411-.417 (Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act)  
Minn. Stat. § 609.685 (Sale of Tobacco to Children)

***Notification Statement:***

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