

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Florham Park, New Jersey 07932

Policy

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SMOKING PROHIBITION

The board of education recognizes 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. Additionally, the board of education recognizes that the use of tobacco presents a health hazard that can have serious implications for both the smoker and the nonsmoker and that smoking habits developed by the young may have lifelong deleterious consequences.

In accordance with P.L. 1989, c. 96 and in order to protect pupils, employees and citizens who choose not to smoke from an environment noxious to them and potentially damaging to their health, the board of education prohibits smoking within the school district as follows:

- A. At all times within district buildings except as part of a specific classroom instruction or a theatrical production, in which cases, the use of smoking must be approved by the principal.
- B. No smoking on school grounds at all times.
- C. At all times, on any transportation vehicle supplied by the board.
- D. At all board-sponsored events when pupils are present. This prohibition shall apply to all pupils and staff and volunteer chaperones responsible for pupil welfare during such events.

Notice of the prohibition of smoking on school property shall be posted at the entrance to each school in accordance with law. Staff, pupils and parents/guardians shall be notified of this policy through district publications. Organizations or individuals applying to use district facilities shall be given a copy of the district smoking prohibition policy and shall assume the responsibility for its enforcement during their activity.

The principal of each school is responsible for the enforcement of this policy and is authorized to report violations, in accordance with law, to the board of health. Additionally, pupils and district employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary measures and/or the payment of fines as specified in statute. (The Board of Health is the enforcing agent)

For the purpose of this policy, "smoking" shall be defined as the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter or substance and the use of smokeless tobacco and snuff.

The board directs that the health curriculum include instruction in the potential hazards of the use of tobacco. Staff members shall, by example and persuasion, make every effort to discourage pupils from developing the habit of smoking.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 26:3D-15 through 21 Legislative findings and declarations...

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Smoking Prohibition (continued)

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 30:5B –5.3	(smoking in educational institutions)
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:29-1.3(a)8	Smoking in child care centers prohibited
P.L. 103-227, GOALS 2000: Educate America Act	Policies and procedures
(Pro Children Act of 1994)	

Possible Cross
Reference:

*1250	Visitors
*1330	Use of school facilities
*4119.23	Employee substance abuse
*4129.23	Employee substance abuse
*5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.