

POLICY GUIDE

**Title: TOBACCO FREE
ENVIRONMENT**

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POLICY NO. 802 TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT

- 1. PURPOSE** **In recognition of the health hazards associated with the use of tobacco and in support of the School District to instill sound health habits in students, and because of the Pro-Children Act of 1994 requires school districts receiving federal assistance to prohibit all smoking in the interior of all educational buildings, the Chartiers-Houston School District designates all buildings and outdoor areas/premises/properties of the School District as tobacco free environments.**
- 2. DEFINITION** **All forms of tobacco, tobacco products, tobacco by-products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco and snuff.**
- 3. GUIDELINES** **This policy shall apply to all employees, independent contractors, students, visitors, guests and/any other users, occupants, business invitees or licensees of School District buildings, outdoor premises, properties or other facilities.**
- 4. AUTHORITY**

 - 1. Smoking and all use of tobacco are prohibited by all persons anywhere at any time within any building owned or leased by the Chartiers-Houston School District.**
 - 2. Smoking and all uses of tobacco are prohibited by all persons anywhere at any time upon any property and any other outdoor facilities, or any premises owned or leased by the Chartiers-Houston School District.**

3. Smoking and all other uses of tobacco are prohibited by all persons anywhere at any time within any school-owned vehicle or in any other school-approved vehicle when said vehicle is used to transport students to and from school or to and from school activities or field trips, provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to the use by a parent of his or her own personal vehicle to transport only his or her own children and no other children, pursuant to a contract with the Chartiers-Houston School District or otherwise.

4. Smoking and all use of tobacco are prohibited by all persons anywhere at any time that said persons are actively engaged in the supervision of students participating in or attending school sponsored or school approved activities, events, or functions that are not held on School District property or within School District facilities.

5. All incidents involving possession, use or sale of tobacco by any person on school property shall be reported by the Superintendent to the Office for Safe Schools at least annually, by July 31, in accordance with Policy No. 832, "Reporting to the Office for Safe Schools."

6. All incidents involving use or sale of tobacco by any person on school property, at any school sponsored activity, or on any public conveyance providing transportation to or from school or a school sponsored activity, shall be reported in a time frame to be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent to the police department having jurisdiction over the area where such offense was committed.

5. **DELEGATION
OF
RESPONSIBILITY**

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents, staff and the general public about the School District's tobacco use policy by publishing such policy in the Student Handbook, parent newsletters, posted notices and other efficient methods.