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Policy 7434 SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The Board of Education believes that the right of persons to smoke must be balanced against the right of nonsmokers to breath air untainted by tobacco smoke.

For purposes of this policy, "smoking" means the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco.

In accordance with law, the Board prohibits smoking at all times anywhere in school district buildings or on school grounds, except as part of classroom instruction or a theatrical production.

Notwithstanding any provision of this policy, smoking by pupils is governed by Policy No. 5533.

Notice that smoking is prohibited in school district buildings and on school grounds will be posted at each public entrance in accordance with law. The principal of each school building is authorized to report violations, in accordance with law, to the Board of Health. Failure to report violations may subject the Principal to fines in accordance with NJSA 26:3D-20. The Building Principal will not be liable for a fine if he/she has taken reasonable steps to enforce the prohibition on smoking in school buildings or on school grounds. Pupils and district employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.

N.J.S.A. 26:3D-15 through 26:3D-20
N.J.A.C. 6:29-1.3

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