

**POLICY: Tobacco Use Prevention Policy**  
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**PURPOSE AND GOALS, PART ONE**

- ❖ **INTENT:** All students shall possess the knowledge and skills necessary to avoid all tobacco use, and school leaders shall actively discourage all use of tobacco products by students, staff, and school visitors. To achieve these ends, school leaders shall prepare, adopt, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent tobacco use that includes education, enforcement and treatment where required.
- ❖ **RATIONALE:** Cigarette smoking is considered the chief preventable cause of premature disease and death in the United States. Schools have a responsibility to help prevent tobacco use for the sake of students' and staff members' health and the well being of their families.
- ❖ **DEFINITION:** For the purposes of this policy, tobacco is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product, and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless dip, chew, and snuff, in any form.

**TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENTS, PART TWO**

- ❖ **TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED:** No student, staff member, or school visitor is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip, or chew tobacco at any time, including non-school hours in any building, facility, or property owned, leased, rented, or chartered by the school, or at any school-sponsored event off campus. In addition, no student is permitted to possess a tobacco product.
- ❖ **TOBACCO PROMOTION:** Tobacco advertising and/or promotional items (including clothing, bags, etc) is not permitted on school property and is prohibited in all school-sponsored publications and events. If a student, employee or visitor is in violation of this policy, they will be notified of the policy and sent home to change.
- ❖ **CLOSED CAMPUS:** No student may leave the school campus during breaks in the school day to use a tobacco product. School authorities shall consult with local law enforcement agencies that prohibit the possession of tobacco by minors within the immediate proximity of school grounds. In the event that any student is in violation of this policy, the student would be offered the option of completing a cessation program. If needed, the student would also be referred to local law enforcement. (*Wasatch Peak Academy Safe Schools Policy Section 13.2*)
- ❖ **NOTICE:** The principal shall notify students, families, and education personnel and school visitors of the tobacco-free policy in handbooks and newsletters, on posted notices or signs at every school entrance and other appropriate locations, and by other efficient means.
- ❖ **ENFORCEMENT:** It is the responsibility of all employees and visitors to enforce this policy through verbal admonition. Any tobacco product found in the possession of a minor student shall be confiscated by staff and discarded. Students, employees, and visitors using or selling tobacco products also may be subject to germane sanctions as determined by written school policy, including disciplinary action. The principal has the option of referring the student, employee, or visitor to local law enforcement for prosecution (*Wasatch Peak Academy Safe School Policy Section 1.5*) All school staff shall participate in training on the correct and fair enforcement of tobacco-free policies.

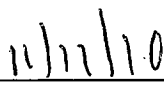
**TOBACCO-USE PREVENTION EDUCATION, PART THREE**

- ❖ **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM DESIGN:** Tobacco-use prevention education shall be integrated within the health education program and be taught at every appropriate grade level. The educational program shall be based on theories and methods that have been proven effective by published research and consistent with the state/school's health education standards/guidelines framework. The program shall be designed to instruct about the consequences of tobacco use; decrease the social acceptability of tobacco use; how to avoid the future use of tobacco; proper personal goal setting and problem solving strategies.
- ❖ **STAFF PREPARATION:** Staff responsible for teaching tobacco-use prevention shall have adequate pre-service training and participate in ongoing professional development activities to effectively deliver the education program. Preparation and professional development activities shall provide basic knowledge about the effects of tobacco use combined with skill practice in effective instructional techniques and strategies and program-specific activities.
- ❖ **EDUCATIONAL REINFORCEMENT:** Tobacco-use prevention education shall be closely coordinated with the other components of the school health program. It is also included as part of the safe school program.

**ASSISTANCE TO OVERCOME TOBACCO ADDICTION, PART FOUR.**

- ❖ **PROGRAM AVAILABILITY:** At the discretion of the school principal, for first time offenders, a referral to a community based smoking cessation program, if available, may be offered in lieu of suspension. The school principal and the parent will determine a timely manner for documentation of participation in the program by the student.
- ❖ The school health program shall include referrals to community resources and programs to help students and/or staff to overcome tobacco addiction. School counselors or community agencies are encouraged to establish voluntary tobacco use cessation programs.

  
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