

NO TOBACCO/VAPING 24/7 POLICY

The Holdenville Public School Board of Education is committed to providing a healthy and productive environment for all persons using the school facilities. The Board of Education also recognizes that tobacco smoking and the environmental tobacco smoke (second-hand smoke) has been shown to be linked to illnesses and disability and that federal law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility or on the grounds thereof, which is used to provide educational services to children. This policy is intended to improve the health and safety of all individuals using the school.

Therefore, effective August 11, 2008 smoking, chewing, vaping or any other use of tobacco by staff, student, and members of the public is prohibited in or upon any school property 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

1. “School property” is defined as all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by any school in this district including, but not limited to, the following:

a. All interior portions of any building or other structure used instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage. This also includes, but is not limited to, areas normally reserved for the exclusive use of faculty or support staff.

b. All school grounds and buildings over which the school exercises control, including areas surrounding any building, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas.

c. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.

2. “Tobacco” is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such a manner to be suitable for chewing, smoking, or both, and includes cloves or any other product package for smoking and vaping.

3. “Use” is defined as lighting, chewing, dipping, inhaling, or smoking any tobacco as defined within this policy.

All students, faculty, and staff are responsible for adhering to this policy. Employees are warned that violation of this policy may lead to dismissal action. Patrons who violate this policy will be asked to adhere to the policy or leave the premises. Students who violate this policy will be disciplined according to our policy. Penalties for students are stated in the student handbook.

(Federal law does not allow any facility for educational services to have designated smoking areas.)

This district will not accept donations of gifts, money, or materials from the tobacco industry. This district will not participate in any type of services that are funded by the tobacco industry.