

Čanlí Coalition of CRST

Sample Tobacco Free School Policy (Adapted from Cheyenne-Eagle Butte Cooperative Board of Education)



[Insert school name] recognizes its duty to promote that health and safety of students, staff and citizens on school property and during school-sponsored activities. In accordance with this responsibility, it is the intent of the School Board to establish a tobacco-free school environment that demonstrates a commitment to helping students resist tobacco use and emphasizes the importance of adult role modeling.

The use, possession or promotion of tobacco on school property by students, employees, vendors, visitors, and invitees is prohibited. Students and employees are also prohibited from using or promoting tobacco at school-sponsored activities of school property. Students participating in school-activities are also subject to rules as may exist pursuant to an applicable activity code of conduct.

It shall not be a violation of this policy for an adult Native American to use Čanjšaśa or traditional tobacco as part of a traditional Native American spiritual or cultural ceremony. A Native American is a person who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the lighting of Čanjšaśa or traditional tobacco, by an adult as a part of a traditional Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony. It shall not be a violation of this policy for tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, lighters, or electronic cigarettes to be included in instructional or work-related activities in the [insert school name] buildings if the activity is conducted by a staff member or an approved visitor and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the product.

For the purpose of the policy:

1. "Tobacco" means any substance or item, in any form, containing tobacco and electronic nicotine delivery devices (e-cigarettes), which may contain nicotine;
2. "School property" means all [insert school name] owned, rented, and leased buildings, grounds and vehicles;
3. "School-sponsored activity" means any planned, organized, endorsed, or supervised activity involving students or the staff that occurs during, before, or after regular school hours;
4. "Promotion" means that sue or display of tobacco-related clothing, bags, lighters, or other material that is designed to encourage the acceptance or use of tobacco.
5. "Čanjšaśa" or "Traditional Tobacco" means a blend of plants and red willows tree bark used, and often burned for offerings and ceremonial smoking.

Students violating this policy on subsequent occasion(s) shall be subject to disciplinary action according to [insert disciplinary policy].

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[Insert school name] school employees in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. Visitors, vendors and invitees in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate consequences, which may include being directed to leave school property.

Administration shall provide reasonable public notification of the school's policy within student and staff handbooks.

Date Adopted: _____ Signed: _____

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