

EXHIBIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Tobacco-free School Environment

.01 Scope.

These regulations require each local school system to maintain a tobacco-free school environment.

.02 Definitions.

A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

- (1) “Official school day” means the regular school day with a designated starting time and ending time as defined by the local school system.
- (2) “School buildings” means local school system owned or leased buildings.
- (3) “School grounds” means local school system owned or leased land that surrounds a school building.
- (4) “Tobacco” means products derived from the tobacco plant that are smoked, chewed, sniffed, or otherwise consumed. This shall not include nicotine replacement therapy.

.03 Tobacco Use.

The sale or use of tobacco in any form is prohibited in school buildings at all times. In addition, the sale or use of tobacco in any form is prohibited on school grounds during the official school day.

.04 Notification of a Tobacco-Free Environment.

Each local school system shall post notification to students, staff, and the general public that school buildings and grounds are tobacco-free.

.05 Tobacco-Free Guidelines.

The State Department of Education shall develop guidelines to assist the local school systems in implementing a tobacco-free environment.

.06 Smoking Cessation Classes.

Each local school system is encouraged to make smoking cessation classes available to all employees.

.07 Certification Procedures.

By September 1, 1993, each local superintendent of schools shall certify in writing to the State Superintendent of Schools that Regulations .01–.07 of this chapter are implemented.

Source: Code of Maryland Regulations, Title 13A, Section 13A.02.04.01-.07.

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