

9. Smoke/Tobacco-Free Environment

Purpose

The Edgerton Christian School Board is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for staff, students, society, and citizens. The School Board believes that education has a central role in establishing patterns of behavior related to good health and shall take measures to help its students resist tobacco use. Curriculum related to tobacco-use prevention will be developed and used as part of the science-health curriculum. The School Board is also concerned about the health of its employees and also recognizes the importance of adult role modeling for students. Therefore, the Board shall promote non-smoking among its staff and students.

Policy

Smoking and use of tobacco products are prohibited on school property. This includes school building, grounds, and school-owned vehicles. Possession of tobacco products by students on school property is prohibited.

Enforcement

The success of this policy will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smoker and non-smokers. All individuals on school premises share in the responsibility of adhering to and enforcing this policy. Any individual who observes a violation on school property may report it in accordance with the procedures listed below.

Students

Any violation of this policy by students shall be referred to the principal. Students who violate provisions of this policy shall be subject to the following discipline:

- 1st violation – The student will be suspended from four (4) extra-curricular events.
- 2nd violation – The student will be suspended from school for one week. All work missed by the student must be made up.

Staff

Any violation of this policy by the staff shall be referred to the principal and Education Committee. Staff members who violate provisions of this policy shall be subject to the following discipline:

- 1st violation – A written warning will be issued to the staff member with a copy placed in his/her personnel file.
- 2nd violation – This will be considered insubordination and shall be dealt with accordingly based on established policies and procedures for suspension and dismissal.

Society Members and Citizens

Society members and citizens who are observed smoking or using tobacco products on school property shall be reported to the principal for the following action:

- 1st violation – Individual will be asked to refrain from smoking. A written reminder of school policy concerning tobacco use will be sent to the individual.
- 2nd violation – A complaint will be filed for violation of the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act.