

Use of Tobacco on School Grounds	C.19
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The Hilldale Board of Education recognizes that tobacco use has been shown to be linked to illnesses and disability and that it is particularly addictive to children and youth. Therefore, in compliance with state law, the following policy on smoking and tobacco use is adopted.

Students will not be permitted to possess or use tobacco products of any kind on or in any school property, while in attendance at a school-sponsored event, or while in transport to or from school (or a school event) in school-authorized vehicles.

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 for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage.
 - B. All school grounds over which the district 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, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both. Tobacco also includes e-cigarettes, digital/personal vaporizers, electronic nicotine delivery systems and cartridges and products designed for use with electronic nicotine delivery systems, regardless of the nicotine content of the product.
3. "Use" is defined as lighting, chewing, inhaling or smoking any tobacco as defined within this policy.

The following policy is adopted for patrons, employees, and other adults. No smoking or other use of tobacco products shall be allowed in any educational facility by any individual at any time 24/7.

The school district administration bears the responsibility for addressing complaints, including asking smokers to refrain from smoking. Signs will be posted in prominent places on school property to notify the public that smoking is prohibited.

Employees are warned that violation of this policy may lead to dismissal or nonreemployment. Patrons who violate this policy will be asked to leave the school premises. Students violating this policy will be disciplined according to the district's discipline policy. Acts which violate this Policy may also be a crime under Oklahoma law.