

# POLICY

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Student Smoking (M)

### P5533 STUDENT SMOKING (M)

The Board of Education recognizes the use of tobacco presents a health hazard that can have serious implications both for the smoker and the nonsmoker and that smoking habits developed by young people may have lifelong harmful consequences.

For the purpose of this Policy, "smoking" means the burning of, inhaling from, exhaling the smoke from, or the possession of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco or any other matter that can be smoked, or the inhaling or exhaling of smoke or vapor from an electronic smoking device pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3D-57. For the purpose of this Policy, "smoking" also includes the use of smokeless tobacco and snuff.

For the purpose of this Policy, "electronic smoking device" means an electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, or any cartridge or other component of the device or related product pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:170-51.4.

For the purpose of this Policy, "school buildings" and "school grounds" means and includes land, portions of land, structures, buildings, and vehicles, owned, operated or used for the provision of academic or extracurricular programs sponsored by the district or community provider and structures that support these buildings, such as school wastewater treatment facilities, generating facilities, and any other central facilities including, but not limited to, kitchens and maintenance shops. "School buildings" and "school grounds" also include athletic stadiums; swimming pools; any associated structures or related equipment tied to such facilities including, but not limited to, grandstands and night field lights; greenhouses; garages; facilities used for non-instructional or non-educational purposes; and any structure, building, or facility used solely for school administration. "School buildings" and "school grounds" also include other facilities as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2; playgrounds; and other recreational places owned by local municipalities, private entities, or other individuals during those times when the school district has exclusive use of a portion of such land.

N.J.S.A. 2A:170-51.4 prohibits the sale or distribution to any person under twenty-one years old of any cigarettes made of tobacco or any other matter or substance which can be smoked, or any cigarette paper or tobacco in any form, including smokeless tobacco; and any electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette,



cigar, cigarillo, pipe, or any cartridge or other component of the device or related product. Consequences for a student possessing such an item will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

The Board prohibits smoking by students at any time in school buildings or on school grounds, at school-sponsored events away from school, or on a school bus.

The Board also prohibits the possession of any item listed in N.J.S.A. 2A:170-51.4 at any time in school buildings or on school grounds, at school-sponsored events away from school, or on a school bus. Such items will be confiscated and may be returned to the parent, upon request.

If it appears to an educational staff member or other professional, upon confiscating such item(s), that the student may currently be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, the staff member shall inform the Principal or designee. The Principal or designee will immediately notify the parent and the Superintendent or designee. The Principal or designee will arrange for an immediate medical examination of the student and shall comply with all of the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3 and Policy and Regulation 5530 – Substance Abuse.

In the event the Principal or designee, after inspection of the confiscated item(s), has reason to believe the item(s) may have contained or may contain a controlled dangerous substance or a controlled dangerous analog pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:35-2, the Principal or designee will immediately notify the parent and the Superintendent or designee. The Principal or designee will arrange for an immediate medical examination of the student and shall comply with all of the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3 and Policy and Regulation 5530 – Substance Abuse. Principals and designees will be trained to identify controlled dangerous substances in electronic smoking devices.

A sign indicating smoking is prohibited in school buildings and on school grounds will be posted at each public entrance of a school building in accordance with law. The sign shall also indicate violators are subject to a fine.

A student who violates the provisions of this Policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with the district's Student Discipline/Code of Conduct and may be subject to fines in accordance with law. In the event a student is found to have violated this Policy and the law, the Principal or designee may file a complaint with the appropriate Municipal Court or other agency with jurisdiction as defined in N.J.A.C. 8:6-9.1(c).



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A student found to have violated this Policy and the law may be required to participate in additional educational programs to help the student understand the harmful effects of smoking and to discourage the use of tobacco products. These programs may include, but are not limited to, counseling, smoking information programs, and/or smoking cessation programs sponsored by this school district or available through approved outside agencies.

The Board directs that the health curriculum include instruction in the potential hazards of the use of tobacco. All school staff members shall make every reasonable effort to discourage students from developing the habit of smoking.

The Board of Education will comply with any provisions of a municipal ordinance which provides restrictions on or prohibitions against smoking equivalent to, or greater than, those provided in N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55 through N.J.S.A. 26:3D-63.

N.J.S.A. 2A:170-51.4  
N.J.S.A. 2C:35-2  
N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-1  
N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55 through 26:3D-63  
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3  
N.J.A.C. 8:6-7.2; 8:6-9.1 through 8:6-9.5

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OUTSTANDING FOOD SERVICE CHARGES

### 8550 OUTSTANDING FOOD SERVICE CHARGES

The Board of Education understands a student may forget to bring breakfast or lunch, as applicable, or money to purchase breakfast or lunch to school on a school day. When this happens, the food service program will provide the student with breakfast or lunch with an expectation payment will be made the next school day or shortly thereafter. However, students may not purchase 'a la carte' items without either cash or sufficient funds on account.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to use the Realtime Parent Portal to monitor their child's purchasing history and deposit funds into their child's account. However, there may be circumstances when payment is not made and a student's school breakfast/lunch bill is in arrears.

The school district will manage a student's breakfast or lunch bill that is in arrears in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:33-21 and this Policy as follows:

- When an account is in arrears, students may only purchase 'a la carte' items with either cash or sufficient funds on account.
- In the event a student's school lunch or breakfast bill is in arrears, the Principal or designee shall contact the student's parent to provide notice of the amount in arrears and shall provide the parent a period of ten (10) school days to pay the full amount due. In addition, the Realtime application will make a weekly automated telephone call to the student's home with same message.
- In those instances where the parent/guardian owes the district \$25.00 or more due to outstanding food services charges, the student will be limited to purchasing only an alternate meal, with awareness and consideration given to dietary and/or health concerns. The parent/guardian will be requested to meet with the Principal or designee of their child's school to discuss and resolve the matter. In addition, the Realtime application will make a weekly automated telephone call to the student's home with same message.
- In those instances where the parent/guardian owes the district \$50.00 or more due to outstanding food services charges, the Business Administrator will send a letter to the parent requesting payment of the balance owed.



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- In those instances where the parent owes the district \$100.00 or more due to outstanding food services charges, the Business Administrator is authorized to seek reimbursement by pursuing legal action through the Lacey Township School District Board of Education Attorney with any associated costs and/or late/attorney fees assessed to the parent/legal guardian as may be permitted by law.
- Students will also not be permitted to participate in extra-curricular sports, activities, or programs when a student/family owes more than \$200.00. Additionally, if the account held by the parent or legal guardian is of a graduating student, the parent or legal guardian will be notified that the student will be prohibited from participating in the graduation ceremony until the balance is paid.

A parent's refusal to meet or take other steps to resolve the matter may be indicative of more serious issues in the family or household. In these situations, the Principal or designee shall consult with and seek necessary services from both the County Board of Social Services and the Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection and Permanency, as appropriate.

When a parent's routine failure to provide breakfast or lunch is reasonably suspected to be indicative of child abuse or neglect, the Principal or designee shall immediately report such suspicion to the Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection and Permanency as required in N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.10. Such reporting shall not be delayed to accommodate a parent's meeting with the Principal or designee.

The provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:33-21 and this Policy will be made available to parents of all children in the school district annually.

N.J.S.A. 18A:33-21

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