

USE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND DELIVERY DEVICES

The NWESD 189 recognizes that to protect students from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine, employees and officers of the NWESD 189, and all members of the community, have an obligation as role models to refrain from use of tobacco products and delivery devices on NWESD 189 property or in the presence of children or youth participating in a NWESD 189 educational or behavioral health program. Tobacco products and delivery devices include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices and vapor products, non-prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivery devices or chemicals that are not FDA-approved to help people quit using tobacco, devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances, and any other smoking equipment, device, material or innovation.

Any use of such products and delivery devices by staff, students, visitors, and community members will be prohibited on all NWESD 189 property, including all NWESD 189 buildings (owned and leased), grounds, NWESD 189-owned vehicles, and within five hundred (500) feet of program sites. Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to any person under twenty-one years of age is prohibited.

The use of Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine replacement therapy in the form of a nicotine patch, gum, or lozenge is permitted. However, students and employees must follow applicable policies regarding use of medication.

Notices advising NWESD 189 employees, students referred by member districts for cooperative program placement, and patrons about this policy will be posted in appropriate locations in all buildings and facilities as determined by the Superintendent. Employee and student handbooks will include notice that using tobacco on NWESD 189 property is prohibited. Employees and students are subject to discipline for violations of this policy, and NWESD 189 employees are responsible for the enforcement of the policy.

Employees and officers of the NWESD 189 will observe and enforce the tobacco policies at each NWESD 189 owned/leased facility and other locations where NWESD 189 business is conducted.

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Reference:

RCW 28A.210.260  
RCW 28A.210.270  
RCW 28A.210.310  
RCW 28A.310.180  
RCW 70.155

Cross Reference:

Policy 3200  
Policy 3241  
Policy 3416  
Policy 5201  
Policy 5280