

WALLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SMOKING PREVENTION POLICY

The Wallington Board of Education is actively involved in all areas of substance abuse prevention. The board is aware of the link between young smokers and the potential for experimenting with other substances. The board is also concerned with the health of its employees and student body. N.J.S.A. 26:3D-15 et.seq., clearly prohibits smoking within the school buildings and directs boards of education to enforce regulations to this effect.

The board believes that pupils and employees who chose not to smoke should be protected from an environment noxious to them and potentially damaging to their health. Accordingly, smoking is not permitted at any time anywhere in the buildings and on the school grounds from 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p.m. when school is in session.

Pupils and district employees who violate the provisions of this policy are subject to the following disciplinary measures:

1. Students violating this policy will receive Saturday detention.
2. Employees violating the policy will receive a formal reprimand to be placed in their permanent record file.
3. Students or employees found in violation a **first** time, and for all subsequent violations of this policy will be charged through the local health department or police department complaint and, upon conviction in municipal or juvenile court, fined up to \$100.00.

Definition: "Smoking" will be interpreted as the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other substance containing tobacco. Chewing tobacco is also prohibited by this policy and subject to the consequences listed.

Legal References:

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| <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:29-1.3(a)8 | Policies and Procedure re: Smoking |
| <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:29-10.1 et.seq. | Safe and Drug Free Schools |
| <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2A:4A-23 | Municipal Court Complaint |
| <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1 | General mandatory powers and duties |
| <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:27-4 | Power of Boards to make rules governing teacher employment |
| <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:3D-15-20 | Smoking Regulations/Legislation |

P.L. 103-227, Goals 2000: Educate America Act
District Substance Abuse Policy

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