



MODEL TOBACCO-FREE POLICY

Public & Accredited Non-Public Schools

TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

School district facilities and grounds, including school vehicles, are off limits for tobacco use. This requirement extends to students, employees and visitors. This policy applies at all times, including school-sponsored and nonschool-sponsored events. Persons failing to abide by this request are required to extinguish their smoking material, dispose of the tobacco product or leave the school district premises immediately. It is the responsibility of the administration to enforce this policy.

NOTE: According to Iowa law, all school grounds are smoke free including smoking in personal vehicles on school grounds. Boards have the authority to expand the policy to make the school facilities and grounds tobacco free as well. This policy can be found in the IASB Policy Reference Manual.

CHECKLIST TO ENSURE A STRONG TOBACCO-FREE POLICY

To ensure the school has a strong tobacco-free policy, and to qualify for the free outdoor signage, the policy must explicitly include all of the following:

- ✓ Policy must extend to all types of tobacco use (not just smoking)
- ✓ Policy must extend to employees, students & visitors
- ✓ Policy must apply at all times, including school-sponsored & nonschool-sponsored events
- ✓ Policy must extend to school vehicles
- ✓ Policy must include steps to address violators
- ✓ Policy must determine an enforcing entity (e.g., “the administration”)

Note: If the policy does not contain all of the above in some manner, please do not request signage. Rather, work with the school boards and other stakeholders to bring their policies to the level described above and then request the signage.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

For a list of all schools public and non-public, visit:

http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=5992 (PDF - 5.7 MB)