

POLICY TITLE: Tobacco Use by

Students

GOVERNING BOARD POLICY

POLICY CODE: JICG

Tucson Unified School District, inclusive of all its buildings and property, shall be tobacco free 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. This includes all days when school is not in session and all events and other activities not associated with, or sponsored by, the school.

Possession or use of tobacco products, or <u>electronic cigarettes</u> by students on District property, in District vehicles and at school-sponsored events (whether on or off District property) is prohibited at all times.

## **Definitions**

- **Tobacco is** defined to include any lit or unlit cigarette, cigar, pipe, blunt, bidi, clove cigarette and any other tobacco product, and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless tobacco, dip, chew, and snuff, in any form.
- **Tobacco use includes** smoking which means carrying or having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other object giving off or containing any substance giving off smoke and chewing spit tobacco.
- **Use means** the chewing, lighting, smoking and any other usage of any tobacco product.

## Consequences

Consequences for students engaging in the prohibited behavior will be provided in accordance with the District's student discipline policy. Disciplinary actions for the possession or use of tobacco or similar products may include, but are not limited to, suspension of the student from school or a recommendation for expulsion when there is evidence of repeated and continuous violation of this policy.

Under the provisions of A.R.S. 36-798.03, a person who violates the prohibition is guilty of committing a petty offense.

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**LEGAL REF:** A.R.S. 13-3622, 15-341, 36-798.03

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**CROSS REF:** GBED - Smoking by Staff Members; JK – Student Discipline;

KFAA – Smoking on School Premises at Public Functions