

INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Tobacco/Vaping Use on Campus

Policy/Procedure O-38

Policy and Procedure: The Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Administration and School Board recognizes that the use of tobacco and vaping products is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, employees, visitors, and school facilities. The administration and board believe that the use of tobacco and vaping products on school grounds, in school buildings and facilities, on school property or at school-related or school-sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff and visitors. The administration and board acknowledge that adult employees and visitors serve as role models for students. The administration and board recognize that it has an obligation to promote positive role models in schools and promote a healthy learning, living and working environment, free from unwanted smoke, vaporized material and tobacco use for the students, employees, and visitors on the school campus. Finally, the administration and board recognize that it has a legal authority and obligation pursuant to the federal *Pro-Children's Act of 2001*, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7971 *et seq.*

Tobacco/Vaping Use Prohibited

No student, staff member or school visitor is permitted to use any tobacco or vaping product at any time, including non-school hours:

- in any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired;
- on any school grounds and property – including athletic fields and parking lots owned, leased, rented or chartered by the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; or
- at any school sponsored or school related event on campus or off campus.

In addition, school employees, school volunteers, contractors or other persons performing services on behalf of the school are also prohibited from using tobacco and vaping products at any time while on duty and in the presence of students, either on or off school grounds.

Further, no student is permitted to possess a tobacco or vaping product while in any school building, while on school grounds or property, at any school-sponsored or school related event or at any other time that students are under the authority of school personnel.

Tobacco products may be included in instructional or research activities in the school.

Staff found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to the disciplinary process, up to and including dismissal from employment.

Students found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline as deemed appropriate per the ISBVI Discipline Chart.

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