

~~Tobacco-Smoke-Free Workplace~~ Smoking and Tobacco Products Prohibited

Policy Code: **5026/7250**

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The use of tobacco products on or in any school property, or at any school-sponsored activity or event (regardless of location) is prohibited. Tobacco products are defined as cigarettes, cigars, blunts, bidis, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, and any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products. E-cigarettes and vapes are considered cigarettes for purposes of this prohibition and are not permitted.

~~This policy will be strictly enforced~~ All GCS employees are expected to enforce this policy, as follows:

1. Employees in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.
2. Student discipline for infractions will continue to be as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.
3. Others who violate this policy will be asked to appropriately dispose of tobacco products. If they do not promptly comply, they will be asked to leave school property immediately.

Notice

The principal of each school and other school personnel responsible for school facilities shall post signs in GCS facilities in a manner and location that adequately notifies employees, students, and visitors that the use of tobacco products by any person is prohibited at all times in or on school property.

Exception for Educational Purposes

Nothing in this policy prohibits the use of tobacco products for an instructional or research activity conducted in a school building, provided that such activity is conducted or supervised by a GCS employee and that the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting tobacco.

~~Based on Senate bill 530/S.L. 2013-165~~

Legal References: Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. 6081 et seq.; 21 U.S.C. 321(rr); 21 C.F.R. 1100 et seq.; G.S. 14-313; 115C-47(18), -407

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