

TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED

The Panola Public School Board of Education is committed to providing a healthy and productive environment for all persons using the school facilities. The Board of Education recognizes that tobacco use has been linked to illnesses and disability and that federal law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility or the grounds thereof, which is used to provide educational services to children. This policy is intended to improve the healthy and safety of all individuals using the school, and promote a healthier learning environment for our students.

Therefore, effective January 1, 2003, smoking, chewing or any other use of tobacco by staff, students, and members of the public is prohibited on, in, or upon any school property at any time; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

1. "School property" is defined as all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by Panola Public School including but not limited to the following:
 - A. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance, or storage. This also includes but is not limited to areas normally reserved for the exclusive use of faculty or support staff.
 - B. All school grounds and buildings over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any building, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas.
 - C. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes/vapor devices and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such a manner to be suitable for chewing, smoking, simulating smoking or both, and includes cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "Use" is defined as lighting, chewing, dipping, inhaling or smoking any tobacco as defined in this policy.

All students, faculty and staff are responsible for adhering to this policy. Employees are warned that violation of this policy may lead to dismissal action. Students violating this policy will be disciplined by mandatory classroom training in the research-based program Intervening with Teen Tobacco Users and or suspension from school.

**REFERENCE: 21 O.S. §1247
63 O.S. §1-1522, et seq.
20 U.S.C. §6083**

OSSBA POLICY SERVICES REVIEW NOTES:

Federal law does not allow any indoor facility utilized for educational services to have designated smoking areas. 20U.S.C. §6083