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**Model School Tobacco-Free/ Nicotine Free Policy  
Public & Accredited Non-Public Schools**

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**TOBACCO-FREE/ NICOTINE-FREE ENVIRONMENT**

School district facilities and grounds, including school vehicles, are off limits for tobacco use, including tobacco-like products and the use of nicotine products that are not FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approved for tobacco cessation. (Examples include but are not limited to cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipes, snus, etc.) This requirement extends to students, employees and visitors. This policy applies at all times, including school sponsored and non-school sponsored events. Persons failing to abide by this policy are required to extinguish their smoking material, dispose of the tobacco/nicotine product or leave the school district premises immediately. It is the responsibility of the administration to enforce this policy.

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**CHECKLIST TO ENSURE A STRONG TOBACCO-FREE /NICOTINE-FREE POLICY**

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

- ✓ Policy must extend to all types of tobacco, nicotine, and electronic smoking device products (i.e. not only cigarettes; consider including, but not limited to products such as dissolvable, spit less, snus, chewing, and e-cigarettes)
- ✓ Policy must extend to employees, students & visitors
- ✓ Policy must apply at all times
- ✓ Policy must extend to school vehicles
- ✓ Policy must include steps to address violators
- ✓ Policy must determine an enforcing entity (e.g., “the administration”)

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