

SMOKING PROHIBITION

To promote the health and safety of all students and staff and to promote the cleanliness of school grounds, the River Edge Board of Education prohibits all smoking or use of tobacco products in all school facilities and on all school grounds at all times. Definitions of "school facilities" and "school grounds" shall be in accord with definitions in the administrative code.

Notice shall be given at each school entrance and at appropriate locations on school grounds in accordance with law and board policy that smoking is prohibited. Smoking shall not be permitted at any time in classrooms, lecture halls, auditoriums or anywhere else on school grounds.

The principal of each school building is authorized to report violations, in accordance with law, to the board of health. Students and district employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures. The superintendent shall prepare and the board shall adopt regulations prohibiting smoking in all district buildings and on school grounds.

Definition: For purposes of this policy, "smoking" means inhaling the burning or vapor of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, electronic smoking device or any other matter or substance. Chewing tobacco is also specifically prohibited by this policy.

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Key Words

Smoking, Smoking Prohibition

**Legal References:**     N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55 et seq. New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act  
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.3     Definitions  
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-3.1(a)7   Establishment of comprehensive alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse programs  
N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2     Definitions  
N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2(a)4   Policies and procedures for school facility operation  
N.J.A.C. 8:6-7.2        Smoking prohibited in school buildings and on school grounds  
N.J.A.C. 8:6-9.1        Enforcement against individuals  
N.J.A.C. 8:6-9.2        Enforcement against person having control of an indoor public place

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, Pub.L. 114-95, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

**Possible**

**Cross References:**   \*1250     Visitors  
                          \*1330     Use of school facilities  
                          \*4119.23   Employee substance abuse  
                          \*4219.23   Employee substance abuse  
                          \*5131.6   Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.