

## **SPECIAL SERVICES**

### **Student Responsibilities and Rights**

#### **Smoking and the Use of Tobacco Products by Students**

This regulation supersedes Regulation 2152.5

#### **I. PURPOSE**

To prohibit smoking and the use of tobacco products by students in grades K-12.

#### **II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION**

- A. Section III. added "School disciplinary action may be taken regardless of whether the student's age is such that his or her possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or over-the-counter medication is permitted by law."
- B. Section IV. removed "on school property" after "using tobacco products."
- C. Section IV.A. removed "A student who violates this regulation may be referred to the police for a civil offense charge."
- D. Section IV.B. removed "A report shall be made to the police, and the student may be charged with a civil offense in accordance with the Code of Virginia, section 18.2-371.2."
- E. Section IV.C. added "School officials may report any such violation to the police in accordance with the Code of Virginia, Section 18.2-371.2."

#### **III. SMOKING AND THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

Students in all grades, K-12, shall not smoke, use, or possess tobacco products on school property.

School disciplinary action may be taken regardless of whether the student's age is such that his or her possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or over-the-counter medication is permitted by law.

#### **IV. TOBACCO VIOLATIONS**

The following violations shall result in disciplinary action and may require mandatory sanctions:

Possessing, smoking, or using tobacco products.

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- || A. For a first violation related to tobacco products, a student shall participate in the Fairfax County Public Schools Tobacco Intervention Seminar in lieu of suspension.
- || B. For a second or subsequent violation related to tobacco products, a student shall be placed in an alternative instructional arrangement or suspended from school.
- || C. School officials may report any such violation to the police in accordance with the Code of Virginia, Section 18.2-371.2.

Legal Reference: Code of Virginia, Section 18.2-371.2