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The Board of Education believes that a smoke/tobacco-free environment will better protect the health and well-being of employees and students of the Orange County School System and of other persons. To this end, the Board of Education will prohibit or restrict smoking and the use of tobacco products as follows:

- Students may not possess, display, or use any tobacco product at any time on school premises, including school vehicles or while participating in school events, both indoor and outdoor and both on and off school property.
- School employees, volunteers and visitors to the school may not at any time use or display tobacco products on school premises. School employees and volunteers attending in an official capacity may not use tobacco or tobacco products at school events both on and off campus. The prohibition of display of tobacco products shall not extend to display that has a legitimate instructional or pedagogical purpose.
- School employees and volunteers to the school may not at any time display or use any tobacco product in school vehicles.
- No student, employee or visitor shall be permitted under any circumstances to use tobacco products in any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by the Orange County Schools.

The administration will consult with the county health department and other appropriate organizations to provide employees with information and access to support systems and programs to encourage employees to abstain from the use of tobacco products. The school district will, from time to time, provide free non-smoking clinics to be offered to employees in the schools, after the regular school day.

For purposes of this policy, "tobacco product" is defined to include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, and any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products. "Tobacco use" includes smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products.

The implementation date of this policy is July 1, 2003.