

Tobacco Use on School Property Policy

ARTICLE I RATIONALE

The Governing Authority of Westlake Academy (the “Board”) has a duty to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students and staff. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products, both to users and non-users, and that most tobacco use begins by the age of 18. The Board recognizes that school personnel and school visitors serve as role models to students and, therefore, adopts this 100% Tobacco-Free School Policy to endorse a healthy lifestyle and prevent tobacco use.

ARTICLE II DEFINITION

For the purpose of this policy, “tobacco product” is defined to include any product that contains tobacco, is derived from tobacco, or contains nicotine, which is intended for human consumption, or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, vaporized, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. The term “tobacco products” includes e-cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, and other electronic smoking devices (**including JUUL’s, myBlu, Mojo, etc.**), but does not include any cessation product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use as a medical treatment to reduce and eliminate nicotine or tobacco dependence.

ARTICLE III TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED

No student, staff member, visitor or volunteer is permitted to use tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) at any time, including non-school hours, on all school grounds including in any building or facility, owned or leased by the Board.

In addition, visitors are encouraged to refrain from using tobacco products at school-related events off-campus.

ARTICLE IV TOBACCO PROMOTION PROHIBITED

Tobacco advertising is prohibited on school grounds, in all school-sponsored publications, and at all school-sponsored events. Tobacco promotional items that promote the use of tobacco products, including clothing, bags, lighters, and other personal articles are not permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored events.

ARTICLE V PROVIDING NOTICE

“No Tobacco” signs will be posted throughout the school at entrances and other appropriate locations. Students will be provided notice of this policy through student handbooks and district personnel will be provided notice of this policy through personnel handbooks. Announcements will be made at all school functions where deemed appropriate. School programs will include a written reminder of the tobacco-free policy.

ARTICLE VI
ENFORCEMENT

Any students violating this policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with the school's Code of Conduct. Any school personnel violating this policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with the school's employee handbook. Any visitor or volunteer violating this policy may be temporarily or permanently banned from school property in accordance with the school's Visitor Policy.

LEGAL REFERENCES

Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. § 6081 et seq (1994).

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3313.20, 3313.47, 3313.751, 3791.031 (LEXIS 2005).