

## Smoke Free Policy

The Stratford Board of Education recognizes the deleterious health effects of smoking, both to the smoker and from second hand smoke. The Board also recognizes that adults should be positive role models for students. Therefore, in accordance with Connecticut statute 19a-342, the Board of Education prohibits any student or adult from smoking on school property or at school-sponsored events at any time (including when school is not in session). Furthermore, use of tobacco products is prohibited on any school-related transportation or at any school-sponsored activity. Any person 16 or older can be subject to a fine if this policy is violated.

### Definition

As used herein, “smoke” or “smoking” means the lighting or carrying of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or similar device or use of chewing tobacco.

### Legal Reference:

#### Connecticut General Statutes

19a – 342	Smoking Prohibited In Certain Places
21a – 242	Schedules of Controlled Substances
PL 107-110, Sec. 4303	Non-smoking policy for Children’s Services

## GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SMOKE FREE POLICY - #4120.2

Students, staff and other adults are not permitted to smoke at any time, in school buildings, on school grounds, on school buses, vans or any school-provided transportation, or at any school-sponsored activity.

Students violating the policy will be subject to the following administrative disciplinary action:

### Elementary Students

- First offense – Conference with parents and home work assignment related to health education, and appropriate counseling
- Repeated offenses – Suspension in school or out of school with appropriate counseling

### Secondary Students

- First offense – Saturday detention and parental notification
- Second or further offenses – Suspension from school and cessation of all pass privileges
- Offending students will be limited to the use of one lavatory (Students will be offered the opportunity to participate in smoking cessation classes when available.)

In addition, students 16 or over violating the policy within the school building will be subject to the following action:

- Second or further offenses - \$60 citation enforced by the Superior Court, suspension from school, and cessation of all pass privileges

### Staff and Other Adults

Staff and other adults violating the Board policy within the school building will be subject to the following action:

- First offense – verbal warning
- Second or further offenses - \$60 citation enforced by the Superior Court (Staff will be offered the opportunity to participate in smoking cessation programs, when available.)

Staff and other adults smoking on school grounds, or school buses while students are being transported, or any school sponsored activity will be subject to the following action:

- First offense – verbal warning
- Second or further offenses:
  - staff - appropriate discipline
  - other adults - notification to administration and/or police