

## GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### 8440 USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BY STUDENTS

Grand Island Public Schools prohibits students from being under the influence of alcohol or any substance, or using, possessing, selling or dispensing alcohol, controlled substances, imitation controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products, while on school district property, in school owned and/or school provided transportation, or while attending or engaged in school activities.

For purposes of this policy the following definitions apply:

1. "Alcohol" shall be defined as in the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, or as the Act may be amended from time to time. See, *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §53-101, et seq.

2. "Controlled substances," "imitation controlled substances", and "drug paraphernalia" shall include all substances and materials referred to in the Nebraska Uniform Controlled Substances Act, or as the Act may be amended from time to time. See, *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §28-401 et seq.

3. "Tobacco products" include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarette paper, cigarillos, chewing tobacco, pipes, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect, or any similar product or device that can be used to ingest tobacco.

4. "Alternative nicotine products" include but are not limited to any noncombustible product containing nicotine, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved or ingested by any other means.

5. "Vapor product" means any noncombustible product that employs a heating element power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine or other substances in a solution or other form, including but not limited to electronic cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic cigarillos, electronic pipes or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine.

Grand Island Public Schools believes illegal or unauthorized products or substances cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees or visitors. As such, all district-owned or operated facilities, grounds and vehicles, as well as district-sponsored events, will be designated tobacco, alcohol and drug-free. Violation of this policy by students will result in disciplinary action that may include suspension or expulsion and/or being reported to law enforcement.

Students who violate the terms of this policy may be required to satisfactorily complete a drug and/or alcohol assessment and participate in a school intervention program. If such student fails to satisfactorily complete such a program, the student may be subject to discipline including suspension or expulsion.

This policy shall not apply to medications authorized under Policy 8514 - MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL.

GIPS Board Policy Reference: 6232-SMOKING ON PREMISES BY STAFF MEMBERS/VISITORS  
6233-DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY  
8570-DRUG FREE SCHOOL AND CAMPUS  
8514-MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL

Legal Reference: 34 C.F.R. Pt. 86 (Drug Free Schools and Community Act)  
*Neb. Rev. Stat.* §28-401, et seq.  
*Neb. Rev. Stat.* §28-1418  
*Neb. Rev. Stat.* §53-101, et seq.  
*Neb. Rev. Stat.* §79-267

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### GIPS Vaping Intervention Program

The Grand Island Public Schools desires to provide learning experiences to support the success of every student every day. When a student is identified as being in possession of or using a vaping device the student will be given the opportunity to participate in a Vaping Intervention Program in lieu of suspension. The intervention program will not replace citation by the SRO if the student engaged in a criminal activity.

Building administrators will work with the student to set up a time for the student to participate in the intervention program during the school day, Saturday School, or before/after school. The student will be expected to complete an online course or module, set at least one goal with action steps to reach goal, share at least 2 concepts learned from the course or module, and name one to three safe adults in their lives who can/will support them.

Should the student continue to engage in vaping activity, the next steps include In School Suspension (ISS) or Out of School Suspension (OSS).

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