

**Non-Instructional Operations**

Tobacco and Marijuana Free Schools

The Board of Trustees of the Helena Public Schools is committed to providing a clean, healthy, safe and tobacco-free / marijuana-free school environment for students, employees, and the general public.

Use of tobacco, or tobacco innovations in any form is considered detrimental to the health of non-users as well as users of tobacco or tobacco innovations. The use of tobacco or tobacco innovations is inconsistent with the Helena Schools health education policy and is prohibited.

The use of marijuana in any form (including THC based CBD products) is prohibited. Marijuana products are products that contain marijuana for use by a consumer and include but are not limited to edible products, ointments, tinctures, marijuana derivatives, marijuana concentrates, and marijuana intended for use by smoking or vaping.

Helena Public Schools are tobacco-free and marijuana-free. The use of tobacco, ~~or~~ tobacco innovations, or marijuana in any form is prohibited from all school buildings, grounds, and school sponsored events 24 hours a day, 365 days per year unless used in a classroom or on other school property as part of a lecture, demonstration, or educational forum sanctioned by a school administrator or faculty member, concerning the risks associated with using tobacco or marijuana products or in connection with Native American cultural activities.

Possession or use of tobacco, ~~or~~ tobacco innovation products or marijuana in any form by students, employees and the general public on district property, in district vehicles and at school-sponsored events (whether on or off district property) is prohibited at all times.

The use of tobacco, ~~or~~ tobacco innovation products or marijuana in any form by all school and contract employees and all visitors on district property, in district vehicles and at school-sponsored events (whether on or off district property) is prohibited at all times. This includes non-school hours and all events sponsored by the school or others.

Advertising of tobacco, tobacco innovation products or marijuana in any form is prohibited in school buildings, on school property, at school functions and in all school publications. Any visual representation of tobacco, ~~or~~ tobacco innovation products or marijuana in any form including logos, signage, or product names is not allowed. This includes clothing that advertises tobacco, ~~or~~ tobacco innovation products or marijuana in any form.

Violation of the policy by students and staff will be subject to actions outlined in District discipline policies.

