

## **Liberty STEAM Charter Tobacco-Free School Policy**

The Board believes that tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke (environmental tobacco smoke) are hazardous to the health of human beings, especially children. Therefore, the Board affirms that it is essential to maintain a tobacco-free environment in order to ensure students and staff have access to the healthiest, most productive learning environment possible.

The goal of this policy is to provide a 100 percent tobacco-free, smoke-free environment for all students, staff, and visitors at LSC and at all school-sponsored events by doing the following:

- Exhibiting healthy behavior for all students, staff, visitors, and community-members
- Promoting healthy lifestyle choices, including preventing tobacco use and cessation.

All students, staff, visitors, contractors, or other workers within all LSC facilities, vehicles, and grounds are prohibited from using tobacco products or paraphernalia including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, and alternative nicotine products, such as e-cigarettes. This includes any building, facility, and vehicle owned, leased, rented, or chartered by the school. The prohibition applies to all school-sponsored and school-related events, whether on or off school grounds.

LSC will not accept any contributions, gifts, money or materials from the tobacco industry. The school will not participate in any type of services that are funded by the tobacco industry. In addition, any gear, paraphernalia, clothing, etc. that advertises tobacco use or tobacco products will not be allowed on school grounds or in the possession of faculty, staff, contract or other workers, or students at school-sponsored events.

Employees and students who violate this policy will be subject to discipline per the school's procedures. Other offenders may be asked to leave and prohibited from district property and facilities.

### Legal References:

Youth Access to Tobacco Prevention Act of 2006; Act 25 of 2019  
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-17-501