

## 210- BASSE Tobacco & Smoking Policy

- I. Purpose:
  - A. In an effort to adhere to Delaware Code and to improve the health of students, school personnel, and the community at large, Bryan Allen Stevenson School of Excellence (BASSE) has adopted the following policy regarding the use or distribution of tobacco and smoking related products, to include, but not limited to, smokeless tobacco; E-cigarettes; and Kreteks.
- II. Policy Statement:
  - A. Possession or use of tobacco or tobacco-related products is not permitted in the school buildings, on school grounds, in school leased or owned vehicles, even when they are not used for student purposes, and at all school- affiliated functions.
- III. Definitions:
  - A. Electronic Smoking Device – means any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other similar substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate Smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, or vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.
  - B. Smoking – means:
    - 1. The burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco; or
    - 2. The use of an Electronic Smoking Device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form.
  - C. Tobacco product – means:
    - 1. Any product that is made from or derived from tobacco or that contains nicotine, including: cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, hookah tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, or smokeless tobacco and is intended for human consumption by any means including Smoking, heating, chewing, absorbing, dissolving, inhaling, or ingesting, or
    - 2. A component or accessory used in the consumption of a Tobacco Product, including filters, rolling papers, and pipes.
  - D. Tobacco Substitute – means:
    - 1. Any product that is made from or derived from tobacco or that contains nicotine, including: cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, hookah tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, or smokeless tobacco and is intended for human consumption by any means including Smoking, heating, chewing, absorbing, dissolving, inhaling, or ingesting.

2. A component or accessory used in the consumption of a Tobacco Product, including filters, rolling papers, and pipes.

IV. Implementation:

A. In addition to the staff and students of BASSE, this policy applies to:

1. All buildings, property or vehicles leased, owned or operated by BASSE.
2. School bus operators (school bus operators under contract shall be considered staff for the purposes of this policy.)
3. Any private building or other property including automobiles or other vehicles used for BASSE activities when students and staff are present.
4. Any none-educational groups utilizing and/or renting school buildings or other educational assets.
5. Any individual or volunteer who supervises students off of school grounds.

B. This policy will be communicated to the students, school staff, parents/caregivers, families, visitors and the community at large by:

1. Posting on the BASSE Website;
2. Publishing in BASSE Bulletins;
3. Publishing in the Student Code of Conduct;
4. Publishing in the BASSE Staff Handbook;
5. Displaying signage:
  - a. To prominently delineate the BASSE School Zone perimeter;
  - b. In all school transportation;
  - c. In all student and staff restrooms.

C. In addition, the policy will be listed as a condition of service to all volunteers, visitors, renters, and other contracted employees.

V. Individuals interested in seeking assistance in overcoming the physical and social issues associated with nicotine addiction are encouraged to contact the Delaware Quit line by visiting <https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/quitline.html> or calling 1-866- 409-1858.

VI. BASSE property and all social media platforms will not be used to advertise tobacco-related products.

Related Policies:

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Related Procedures and Documents:

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Approval:

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