

SPECIAL SERVICES

Student Responsibilities and Rights

Smoking and the Use of Tobacco Products by Students

This regulation supersedes Regulation 2152.6.

I. PURPOSE

To prohibit smoking and the use of tobacco products by students in grades K-12.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

The attachment has been replaced with an FCPS network link to the sample parent or guardian letter.

III. SMOKING AND THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Students in all grades, K-12, shall not smoke, use, or possess tobacco products on school property.

School disciplinary action may be taken regardless of whether the student's age is such that his or her possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or over-the-counter medication is permitted by law.

IV. TOBACCO VIOLATIONS

The following violations shall result in disciplinary action and may require mandatory sanctions:

Possessing, smoking, or using tobacco products.

- A. For a first violation related to tobacco products, a student shall participate in the Fairfax County Public Schools Tobacco Intervention Seminar in lieu of suspension.
- B. For a second or subsequent violation related to tobacco products, a student shall be placed in an alternative instructional arrangement or suspended from school.
- C. School officials may report any such violation to the police in accordance with the Code of Virginia, section 18.2-371.2.

Legal Reference: Code of Virginia, Sections 18.2-371.2

Sample parent or guardian letter is located at <http://fcpsnet.fcps.edu/ssse/ssaw>. This link is available only through computers within the internal FCPS network (FCPSnet).