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## MODEL TOBACCO-FREE POLICY Public & Accredited Non-Public Schools

## TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

School district facilities and grounds, including school vehicles, are off limits for tobacco use. This requirement extends to students, employees and visitors. This policy applies at all times, including school-sponsored and nonschool-sponsored events. Persons failing to abide by this request are required to extinguish their smoking material, dispose of the tobacco product or leave the school district premises immediately. It is the responsibility of the administration to enforce this policy.

NOTE: According to lowa law, all school grounds are smoke free including smoking in personal vehicles on school grounds. Boards have the authority to expand the policy to make the school facilities and grounds tobacco free as well. This policy can be found in the IASB Policy Reference Manual.

## CHECKLIST TO ENSURE A STRONG TOBACCO-FREE POLICY

To ensure the school has a strong tobacco-free policy, <u>and to qualify for the free outdoor signage</u>, the policy must explicitly include all of the following:

- ✓ Policy must extend to all types of tobacco use (not just smoking)
- ✓ Policy must extend to employees, students & visitors
- ✓ Policy must apply at all times, including school-sponsored & nonschool-sponsored events
- ✓ Policy must extend to school vehicles
- ✓ Policy must include steps to address violators
- ✓ Policy must determine an enforcing entity (e.g., "the administration")

**NEW AND EMERGING NICOTINE PRODUCTS –** to prevent the use of new nicotine-based products, a school can insert the three words underlined and italicized below,

School district facilities and grounds, including school vehicles, are off limits for tobacco use, <u>including nicotine products</u>. (Insert this sentence into above paragraph) under 'Tobacco-Free Environment'.

<u>Note:</u> "Nicotine products" means any product containing nicotine or any other preparation of tobacco and any product or formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine. "Nicotine product" does not include any cessation product specifically approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in reducing, treating, or eliminating nicotine or tobacco dependence. (Revised July 2011)