

<b>Dupree School District</b>	<b>NEPN Code: AEA</b>
<b>Policy Manual</b>	

## **Tobacco-Free Schools**

The Dupree School District recognizes its duty to promote the health and safety of students, staff and citizens on district property and during school-sponsored activities. In accordance with this responsibility, it is the intent of the School Board to establish a tobacco-free school environment that demonstrates a commitment to helping students resist tobacco use and that emphasizes the importance of adult role modeling.

The use, possession, or promotion of tobacco on school property by students, employees, vendors, visitors and invitees is prohibited. Students and employees are also prohibited from using or promoting tobacco at school-sponsored activities off school property. Students participating in school activities are also subject to rules in the Activity Handbook.

It shall not be a violation of this policy for an adult Native American to use Čaŋsaša or traditional tobacco as part of a traditional Native American spiritual or cultural ceremony that has previous administrative approval. A Native American is a person who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the lighting of Čaŋsaša or traditional tobacco, by an adult as a part of a traditional Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony, if the activity is conducted by a staff member or an approved visitor and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the product.

For the purposes of this policy:

1. Tobacco means any substance or item, in any form, containing tobacco and electronic nicotine delivery devices (e-cigarettes), which may not contain tobacco.
2. School property means all district-owned, rented or leased buildings, grounds and vehicles.
3. School-sponsored activity means any planned, organized, endorsed, or supervised activity involving district students or staff that occurs either before, during or after regular school hours.
4. Promotion means the use or display of tobacco-related clothing, bags, lighters, or other material that is designed to encourage the acceptance or use of tobacco.
5. “Čaŋsaša” or “Traditional Tobacco” means a blend of plants and red willows tree bark used, and often burned for offerings and ceremonial smoking.

Students violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to district policy.

District employees in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Visitors, vendors and invitees in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate consequences, which may include being directed to leave school property.

The superintendent shall provide reasonable public notification of the district’s policy within student and staff handbooks.

Legal References:

SDCL 13-8-39  
SDCL 34-46-14

Management of Schools by Board – general powers  
Smoking in public place of employment prohibited

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