

**CHAPTER 9.00 – SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS**

**TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

**9.041**

1. Introduction. The St. Johns County School Board recognizes that the use of tobacco products is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, employees, parents, visitors, and school facilities. Accordingly, the School Board prohibits the use of any form of tobacco products at District schools, on District property, or at any school or District activity.
2. Definitions. For the purpose of this rule, the following definitions apply:
  - a. “Tobacco product” means any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff. “Tobacco product” also encompasses any electronic smoking device that delivers nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah, and includes any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product.
  - b. “Tobacco use” means smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices.
  - c. “District property” includes any portion of any land or building owned by, or leased to, the School Board.
3. Use of Tobacco Products Prohibited. It is prohibited to use tobacco products in any form at District schools, on District property, in District school buses or vehicles, or at school or District activities. Employees, visitors, volunteers, and contractors must comply with this rule.
4. Student Possession of Tobacco Products. Students are prohibited from possessing tobacco products at District schools, on District property, in District school buses or vehicles, or at school or District activities.

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