LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy 3413

PROHIBITION ON SUBSTANCE USE ON SCHOOL PREMISES AND AT SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Due to health hazards associated with smoking and in accordance with federal and state law, the Board of Education prohibits smoking (the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco, cannabis or cannabinoid hemp, or any derivative therefrom) or other tobacco use including the use of electronic cigarettes or vape products, and the sale or advertising of such products, in all school buildings, on school property, and/or any other spaces or areas owned, leased or maintained by the School District, in-district owned or operated vehicles and/or any other vehicle used to transport children or school personnel to or from school or school sponsored activities, and at school-sponsored activities. Smoking, tobacco use and vaping are also prohibited within one hundred (100) feet of the entrances, exits, or outdoor areas of any school buildings, except where that is a residence, or residential real property.

Additionally, smoking or ingesting cannabis or concentrated cannabis products is prohibited on school grounds and on school buses. This policy does not apply to lawful medical cannabis use in compliance with state law and regulation for those who are properly certified and registered; however, state regulations do not permit smoking or vaporizing medical cannabis where smoking and vaping are prohibited by law.

In addition, the consumption, sharing and/or selling, use and/or possession of illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs or alcoholic beverages on school grounds, or at any school-sponsored event or activity off school grounds, is prohibited.

Notices consistent with this policy shall be prominently posted in each building, at designated outdoor locations on school premises (e.g., athletic fields) and in all district vehicles. The Board of Education designates the Superintendent of Schools or their designee as the agent responsible for informing individuals smoking cigarettes or e-cigarettes, or using tobacco, cannabis or cannabinoid hemp, illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages unlawfully that they are in violation of Article 13-E of the Public Health Law and/or Section 409 of the Education Law and/or the federal Pro-Children Act of 1994 and 2001 and/or School District policy. Persons in violation of this policy will be asked to stop. Students and staff may be subject to consequences outlined in the District Code of Conduct, and visitors or contractors may be asked to leave school property.

Ref: Education Law §§409(2); 3020-a(4)
Goals 2000; Educate America Act §§1041 et seq. (The Pro-Children Act of 1994)
Public Health Law Article 13-E §§206; 340; 347

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