

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: SMOKING

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# COUNCIL ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

904.1. SMOKING	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>Council Rock School district recognizes the serious health hazards associated with the use of tobacco. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) as one of the most harmful of all indoor air pollutants. ETS is a mixture of irritating gasses and carcinogenic tar particles that comes from secondhand smoke exhaled by smokers and sidestream smoke emitted from the burning end of cigarettes, cigars and pipes. The U.S. Surgeon General has also identified smoking as the number one preventable health problem in the United States.</p>
<p>2. Definitions</p> <p>Act 168 of 1988</p>	<p>For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:</p> <p><u>Smoking</u> - the possession of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other lighted smoking equipment.</p> <p><u>School building</u> - Any facility owned or leased by the school district and currently being used to house students.</p> <p><u>School grounds</u> - Any grounds either owned or leased by the school district.</p> <p><u>School bus</u> - Any vehicle used to transport students to or from school or school related activities.</p>
<p>3. Authority</p> <p>Goals 2000 Pro Children Act of 1994</p>	<p>Recognizing the problems associated with smoking and ETS and wishing to provide a healthy environment for staff, students and the community, the Council Rock Board of School Directors hereby adopts the following policy.</p> <p>The Board declares all school buildings and the grounds surrounding such buildings to be smoke-free environments. Employees, students and members of the public who visit school buildings are expected to observe this restriction at all times. This smoke-free environment shall also apply to school buses while transporting Council Rock students and all district vehicles.</p>

4. Guidelines

The success of this policy will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. All individuals on school premises share in the responsibility for adhering to the enforcement of this policy.