

Tobacco Use by Students

The Shoshone School District recognizes the health risk involved with the use of tobacco and is aware of the research that shows a direct correlation between early use of tobacco and early use of drugs and alcohol. The District believes that along with parents and the community, the school has a role to play in helping students understand the health risks associated with the use of tobacco. Therefore, the District will cooperate with parents and the community by acting as educator, resource, and referral agent. The intent is to promote the health and well-being of students.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

**Products confiscated will be turned over to law enforcement within 24 hours.**

The use, possession, distribution, or sale of all forms of tobacco while in school, on school property, or at school sponsored events, is expressly forbidden. Any student who has been found to be using, possessing, distributing, or selling tobacco will be disciplined in the following manner:

**KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE**

**1. FIRST OFFENSE** while in attendance at the elementary level:

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The student will be required to attend Tobacco Education Class with the District Drug and Alcohol Counselor or Building Counselor. Individualized class will be held if there are not enough students for a group. Student will also receive three (3) days in-school suspension to be monitored by the building administrator or designee.

**2. SECOND OFFENSE** while in attendance at the elementary level.

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. Student will be suspended out-of-school for five (5) days. The suspension can be reduced to three (3) days if the student and parents agree to seek assistance in quitting tobacco use and provide proof of completion of the program.

**3. THIRD OR ADDITIONAL OFFENSE(S)** while in attendance at the elementary level:

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. Student will be expelled from school for the remainder of the semester or a minimum of two (2) weeks.

## SIXTH, SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE

**1. FIRST OFFENSE** while in attendance at the junior high school level:

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The student will receive three (3) days in-school suspension. From the day of the offense, the student will be ineligible to attend all school activities for a period of one (1) week. The student will be required to complete the tobacco education program during after school or evening sessions. If the student fails to successfully complete any of the requirements, the student will be suspended out-of-school for three (3) days.

**2. SECOND OFFENSE** while in attendance at the junior high school level:

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The student will receive out-of-school suspension for three (3) days. From the day of the offense, the student will be ineligible to attend all school activities for a period of four (4) weeks. The student will be suspended for-six (6) days, unless the student agrees to complete the following requirements:

- a. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a Certified Alcoholism/Drug Abuse Counselor, at parent expense, and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to the School District is required.
- b. It is strongly recommended that the student and parent(s) will attend four (4) consecutive parent information classes, at parent expense.

If the student fails to meet the assessment requirement, the six (6) day suspension will go into effect.

**3. THIRD OR ADDITIONAL OFFENSE(S)** while in attendance at the junior high school level:

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The student will be recommended for expulsion for one (1) semester. Upon return to school, student will be ineligible to attend all school activities for a period of six (6) months.

## NINTH - TWELFTH GRADE

**1. FIRST OFFENSE** while in attendance at the high school level:

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The student will receive three (3) days in-school suspension. From the day of the offense the student will be ineligible to attend all school activities for a period of two (2) weeks. The student will be required to complete the tobacco education class during after school or evening sessions. If the student fails to successfully complete the class, the student will be suspended out-of-school for three (3) days.

**2. SECOND OFFENSE** while in attendance at the high school level:

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The student will receive out-of-school suspension for three (3) days. From the day of the offense, the student will be ineligible to attend all school activities for a period of four (4) weeks. The student will receive out of-school suspension for six (6) days, unless the student agrees to complete the following requirements:

- a. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a Certified Alcoholism/Drug Abuse Counselor, at parent expense, and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to the School District is required.
- b. It is strongly recommended that the student and parent(s) will attend four (4) consecutive parent information classes, at parent expense.

If the student fails to meet the assessment requirements, the six (6) day out-of-school suspension will go into effect.

**3. THIRD OR ADDITIONAL OFFENSE(S)** while in attendance at the high school level:

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The student will be recommended for expulsion for one (1) semester. Upon return to school, student will be ineligible to attend all school activities for a period of six (6) months.

Policy History:

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