

TOBACCO FREE DISTRICT

The Mason City Community School District is striving to be tobacco free within and upon all district property.

The district realizes that tobacco use is detrimental to health and is concerned about providing a healthy environment for students, employees and community members. In that regard, the district recognizes the importance of adult role modeling for students and each other, particularly in an educational environment.

The Board of Education understands the impact our district can have toward supporting our students, employees and community members to choose healthy behaviors. Therefore, the Board of Education directs there be no use of tobacco products on any district property, which includes vehicles, buildings and grounds. Community members are asked to cooperate with this policy and refrain from using tobacco on district property. Persons who do not comply will be asked to leave the district premises. District personnel failing to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

It is the district's intention to provide education, encouragement and assistance for all students, employees and community members in making a personal choice to refrain from tobacco use while within or upon any/all district property. This will allow students, employees and community members to share the responsibility for creating a healthy environment in which we all live, learn and grow.

It will be the right and responsibility of all students, employees and community members to observe and support this policy through personal commitment and advocacy. It is the responsibility of the administration to enforce this policy.

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