

**DIOCESE OF DES MOINES**

**Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations**

**AUXILIARY SERVICES**

**Nicotine/Tobacco Free Campus**

It shall be the policy of the Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools Office, under the aegis of the Bishop, that diocesan schools adhere to the state of Iowa Smoke Free Air Act. (ICC 142D)

Smoking or use of smokeless tobacco or non-FDA approved nicotine products, for purposes of this policy, “smoking” includes, but is not limited to, burning or vaporizing tobacco or other products in a cigarette, cigar, pipe, electronic cigarette, or any noncombustible product, which may or may not contain nicotine, that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from a solution of substance, is not permitted in or on school buildings, school grounds, school property, school vehicles, or non-school owned property used for extracurricular activities. This includes enclosed places of work and study, all outdoor areas such as parking lots and sports areas/stadiums, and private vehicles on school parking lots.

This policy applies to employees, students & visitors at all times, including school-sponsored and non-school sponsored events.

Diocesan schools shall display the appropriate non-smoking signs in and around their campuses, at the entrances to the school and on school owned vehicles. The signs must be clear and conspicuous from the exterior of school vehicles.

Failure to follow the law may result in a monetary fine to both the offender and the school.

The school administration is responsible for addressing violations of this policy when the use of the property involves school activities and/or events. In the event of violation during a non-school event, school administration will bring violation to attention of parish administration.

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