


<p><b>Bridges Charter School</b></p> 	<p>Board Policy-</p> <p><b>Tobacco-Free Schools</b></p>	
<p><b>Policy Number:</b></p> <p><b>3513.3</b></p>	<p><b>Adopted:</b></p> <p><b>7/11/2011</b></p>	<p><b>Replaced:</b></p> <p><b>5/13/24</b></p>

Bridges Charter School Board of Directors, the Administration, staff, and faculty recognize the serious health risks presented by tobacco use and desire to ensure that, through the adoption of consistent policies, the students are made aware of those risks and, to the extent possible, protected from them.

The Director or designee shall work collaboratively with the school psychologist, school counselor, health clerk and staff to establish a coordinated school health system that includes a comprehensive behavioral health education component that teaches students the knowledge, skills, and attitudes they need in order to lead healthy lives and avoid high-risk behaviors, such as tobacco use.

The Director or designee shall provide prevention, intervention, and cessation education, information, activities, and/or referrals to students in graded and shall ensure consistent enforcement of policies prohibiting student possession and use of tobacco products.

### **Prohibition Against Tobacco Use**

*Education Code* 48900 and 48901 prohibit students from possessing, smoking, or using tobacco on school grounds, as provided in the following paragraph. Pursuant to *Education Code* 48900, students who violate this prohibition may be subject to discipline, including suspension or expulsion. However, pursuant to *Education Code* 48900.5, it is recommended that other means of correction that address the student's conduct be implemented instead of suspension or expulsion; (see the section "Intervention/Cessation Services" below.) In addition, *Health and Safety Code* 104420 and 104559, prohibit the use of tobacco products in school buildings, on school property, and in school vehicles by any person at any time. This includes any parent-driven vehicle transporting students for a school-sponsored activity. Students shall not possess, smoke, or use tobacco or any product containing tobacco or nicotine while on campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of school employees. (*Education Code* 48900, 48901)

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*Smoking* means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, tobacco, or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or form, and includes the use of an electronic smoking device that creates aerosol or vapor or of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking. (Business and Professions Code 22950.5; *Education Code* 48901)

*Tobacco products* include: (Business and Professions Code 22950.5; *Education Code* 48901)

1. A product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, or snuff
2. An electronic device that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah
3. Any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately

These prohibitions do not apply to a student's possession or use of his/her own prescription products. However, student possession or use of prescription products in school shall be subject to the district's policy and regulation for addressing the administration of medications on campus. (*Education Code* 48900)

### **Prevention Instruction**


Bridges Charter School staff shall provide developmentally appropriate tobacco-use prevention instruction for students at selected grade levels, 6th-8th, pursuant to *Education Code* 51202. Such instruction shall be aligned with state content standards and the state curriculum framework for health education and with any requirements of state and/or federal grant programs in which the district participates.

### **Intervention/Cessation Services**

Bridges Charter School may provide or refer students to counseling, intensive education, and other intervention services to assist in the cessation of tobacco use. Such intervention services shall be considered as an alternative to suspension for tobacco possession.

### **Program Planning**

The Director or designee may coordinate with the local health department and county office of education in program planning and implementation.

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The Director or designee also shall coordinate the school's tobacco-use prevention and intervention program with other school efforts to reduce students' use of illegal substances and to promote student wellness.

The Director or designee may select tobacco-use prevention programs based on the model program designs identified by the California Department of Education (CDE) and may adapt the model to meet the needs of the school (*Health and Safety Code 104420*)

*Note: Pursuant to TUPE Acceptance of Funds Guidance on the CDE's web site, TUPE grant funding will not be awarded to an applicant that receives any funding or educational materials from the tobacco industry, or from any agency which has received funding from the tobacco industry, for the purpose of implementing tobacco-use prevention or intervention programs. The Superintendent or designee shall not accept for distribution any materials or advertisements that promote the use or sale of tobacco products. He/she also shall not accept tobacco-use prevention or intervention funds or materials from the tobacco industry or from any entity which is known to have received funding from the tobacco industry.*

## **Program Evaluation**

In order to accept TUPE funds as required by the CDE the school will administer the core California Healthy Kids Survey in the first year of funding and at least every other year thereafter to assess the health-related behavior of a representative sample of students in grades 7. In addition the school will be required to complete the TUPE Annual Report by June 30th of each year.

To evaluate the effectiveness of the school's program and ensure accountability, the Director or designee shall biennially administer the California Healthy Kids Survey or other appropriate student survey at either 7th or 8th grade in order to assess student attitudes toward tobacco and student use of tobacco. He/she also shall annually report to the Board, and to the CDE if required, the data specified in *Health and Safety Code 104450*.

The results of program evaluations shall be used to refine program goals and objectives and make changes as needed to strengthen program implementation.

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