

**TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED**

The Choctaw/Nicoma Park Board of Education recognizes that the use of tobacco has been shown to be linked to illnesses and disabilities and that federal and state law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility, or the grounds thereof, which is used to provide educational services to children.

Therefore, smoking, chewing or any other use of tobacco by staff, students, and members of the public is prohibited on, in or upon any school property. *It is specifically directed that this ban on the use of tobacco products will be effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will also apply to everyone providing service to the school.*

1. "School property" is defined as all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by any school in this district including but not limited to the following:
  - A. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage.
  - B. All school grounds over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any building, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking area.
  - C. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other person.
  
2. "Tobacco" is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both, and includes any other product packaged for smoking.
  
3. "Use" is defined as lighting, chewing, inhaling or smoking any tobacco as defined within this policy.
  
4. "Staff" includes, but is not limited to, full-time, part-time, and contract employees.

Signs will be posted in prominent places on school property to notify the public that smoking or other use of tobacco products is prohibited.

Students are also prohibited from possessing tobacco on, in, or upon any school property. If students are found carrying cigarettes or other tobacco products, the tobacco product will be confiscated.

Employees are warned that violation of this policy may lead to dismissal action. Patrons who violate this policy will be asked to leave the school premises. Students violating this policy will be disciplined.

REFERENCE: 63 O.S. Sec 1-1522, et. Seq.  
20 U.S. C. Sec. 6083