

POLICY

SMOKING PROHIBITION

The Holmdel Township Board of Education believes that the right of persons to smoke must be balanced against the right of those who do not smoke to breathe air untainted by tobacco smoke. In order to protect pupils and employees who choose not to smoke from an environment noxious to them and potentially damaging to their health, the Board prohibits smoking on school property and in school vehicles.

Notice of this policy shall be given at each school entrance in accordance with law. Smoking shall not be permitted at any time in classrooms, lecture halls or auditoriums except as part of a classroom instruction or theatrical production.

The principal of each school building is authorized to report violations, in accordance with law, to the Board of Health. Pupils and district employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.

Definition: For purposes of this policy, "smoking" means the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco. Chewing tobacco is also specifically prohibited by this policy.

Source: Regular Board Meeting

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Legal References:	<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:29-1.3(a)8	Requires policies and procedures prohibiting smoking in public school buildings
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	26:3D-15 through -21	Legislative findings and declarations . . . (smoking in educational institutions)
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	26:3D-17	Requires boards to make and enforce regulations to prohibit smoking in district buildings except as part of a classroom instruction or a theatrical production

