

# *Hermosa Beach City School District*

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## **NOTICE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

### **Tobacco-Use Prohibited Policy**

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Ample research has demonstrated the health hazards associated with the use of tobacco products, including smoking and the breathing of second-hand smoke. As required by law, the district provides instructional programs designed to discourage students from using tobacco products. District employees are expected to serve as models for good health practices that are consistent with these instructional programs.

In the best interests of students, employees and the general public, the Governing Board therefore prohibits the use of tobacco products at all times on district property and in district vehicles. This prohibition applies to all employees, students, community members, visitors and other persons at any school or school-sponsored activity or athletic event. It applies to any meeting on any property owned, leased or rented by or from the district.

All individuals on district premises share in the responsibility of adhering to this policy and informing appropriate school officials of any violations. Community members who smoke on district property shall be informed of the district's tobacco-free schools policy and asked to refrain from smoking. If the person fails to comply with this request, the following actions may ensue:

1. The matter may be referred to the Superintendent or designee responsible for the area or the event.
2. If the person fails to refrain when so requested by the Superintendent or designee, the Superintendent or designee may direct him/her to leave school property.
3. If necessary, the Superintendent or designee may request local law enforcement assistance in removing the person from school premises.
4. When individuals repeatedly violate the tobacco-free schools policy, the Superintendent or designee may prohibit them from entering district property for a specified period of time.

The following facilities offer tobacco use cessation support groups and serve as a referral source if you or anyone you know needs more information on tobacco use prevention and cessation:

National Council on Alcoholism/  
Drug Dependence  
1334 Post Avenue  
Torrance, California 90501  
(310) 328-1460

California Smoker's Hotline  
(800) 662-8887

American Cancer Society  
5731 W. Slauson Avenue, Suite 200  
Culver City, California 90230  
(310) 348-0356