

## **Tobacco Use and Prevention Education (TUPE) Policy**

### **Tobacco Free Schools**

John Muir Charter Schools (JMCS) recognizes that the health hazards associated with smoking and the use of tobacco products, including the breathing of second-hand smoke, are inconsistent with its goal to provide a healthy environment for students and staff.

JMCS prohibits the use of tobacco products at any time in JMCS owned or leased buildings, property or vehicles. (Health and Safety Code 104420; Labor Code 6404.5; 20 USC 6083)

This prohibition applies to all employees, students, and visitors at any school-sponsored instructional program, activity, or athletic event held on or off JMCS property. Any written joint use agreement governing community use of JMCS facilities or grounds shall include notice of the JMCS tobacco-free schools policy and consequences for violations of the policy.

JMCS prohibits the use of products containing tobacco and/or nicotine, including, but not limited to, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew, clove cigarettes, cigars, betel, and nicotine delivery devices, such as electronic cigarettes, any time, on any JMCS owned or leased buildings or in JMCS vehicles. Smoking or use of any tobacco-related products and disposal of any tobacco-related waste are prohibited within 25 feet of any playground, except on a public sidewalk located within 25 feet of the playground.

### **Student Policy**

JMCS recognizes that tobacco use presents serious health risks and desires to provide support and assistance in reducing the number of students who begin or continue to use tobacco. The CEO or his/her designee shall establish a comprehensive program that includes consistent enforcement of laws prohibiting tobacco possession and use by students, tobacco-use prevention education including youth development activities, and intervention and cessation activities and/or referrals.

### **Prohibition Against Tobacco Use**

JMCS students under age 21 shall not possess, smoke, or use tobacco or any product containing tobacco or nicotine while on a JMCS campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of JMCS employees designees. Prohibited products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel. JMCS students over age 18 may not display or advertise for use any above listed tobacco related products during JMCS class time or on JMCS leased or owned properties.

JMCS students' under age 21 possession or use of nicotine delivery devices, such as electronic cigarettes, and other vapor emitting electronic devices, such as electronic hookah, with or without nicotine content, that mimic the use of tobacco products, are also prohibited.

These prohibitions do not apply to a student's possession or use of his/her own prescription products, or other cessation aids such as nicotine patches or nicotine gum. (Education Code 48900, 48901)

### **Prevention Instruction**

JMCS shall provide developmentally appropriate tobacco-use prevention for students. 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**

JMCS may provide or refer students to counseling, intensive education, and other intervention services to assist in the cessation of tobacco use. When appropriate, such intervention services may be provided as an alternative to suspension for tobacco possession and use as described in this policy.

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