

# Press Release



## Battle Ground Public Schools

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### **‘E-cigarettes’ banned at BG schools**

The use of so-called “E-cigarettes,” which are not tobacco rolled in paper but are cigarette-look-alike cartridges with liquid nicotine, have been banned on Battle Ground Public Schools property. “E-cigarettes” is short for “electronic cigarettes.”

The school district’s Board of Directors on March 11 adopted an amendment to its October 2003 policy that already banned tobacco use on school property at all times.

The additional language was recommended by the Washington State School Directors Association. It says, “Tobacco includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, nicotine-delivering devices, chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; and any other tobacco innovation.”

The Columbian newspaper reported Thursday, March 24, that the Clark County Board of Health will be considering a proposed ordinance that would restrict sale in the county of electronic cigarettes to persons old enough to legally purchase regular tobacco products.

The newspaper described E-cigarettes as “battery operated devices that look like cigarettes” with a light-emitting diode inside them that warms the cartridge, which is “soaked with nicotine. The light vaporizes the nicotine, which is then inhaled by the user.” Flavors such as chocolate, strawberry, cherry and mint can be added to the cartridge, The Columbian reported. The devices do not emit smoke.

If the county adopts the policy being considered, persons younger than 18 would not be allowed to purchase E-cigarettes in Clark County.

In any case, use of such devices on Battle Ground School District property is now banned.

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