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**ROCHESTER BEACON ACADEMY- RBA**  
**POLICY No. 702**  
**TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT**

**I. PURPOSE**

The Board of RBA recognizes that the use of tobacco presents a health hazard to both the user of tobacco and to persons subject to second hand smoke. The purpose of this policy is to describe the Board's policy with respect to tobacco use on school property and at extracurricular events.

**II. POLICY STATEMENT**

For the health and well-being of students, employees, and the public who visit RBA buildings and grounds, it is the policy of RBA to prohibit tobacco use.

**III. TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED**

No person shall at any time smoke, chew, or otherwise ingest tobacco or a tobacco product in RBA. This prohibition extends to all facilities, whether owned, rented, or leased, and all vehicles that RBA owns, leases, rents, contracts for, or controls. For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including a cigar, cigarette, pipe, snuff, e-cigarettes or any other matter or substances that contain tobacco.

This prohibition also extends to RBA staff and students while at any school sponsored function, regardless of whether the function takes place on school grounds. Violations of this prohibition will be subject to appropriate discipline.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 124E.03 (Charter Schools – Applicable Law)  
Minn. Stat. § 124E.11 (Charter Schools – Admission Requirements)  
Minn. Stat. § 124E.12 (Charter Schools – Employment)  
Minn. Stat. §§ 144.411-144.417 (Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act)  
Minn. Stat. Ann. § 144.4165 (Tobacco products prohibited in public schools)

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