

QUESTAR III RENSSELAER COUNTY SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties hereby affirms that it will strictly enforce the Public Health Law and Board policy prohibiting smoking and use of tobacco products in school district facilities and in or on school property or premises.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 13-E, Section 1399-o of the Public Health Law and notwithstanding other provisions of Board policy or regulation, individuals found smoking or using tobacco products in school facilities or on school property or premises, in violation of the Public Health Law, shall, in addition to being subject to the policies, rules, regulations and enforcement actions of the Board, be referred to the Rensselaer County Department of Health for enforcement action.

Referrals shall be made on a form promulgated by the Rensselaer County Department of Health and a copy of such referral shall be provided to the violator. If the violator is a student, a copy of the referral form shall be provided to the parent or guardian and the home district of the student.

The Public Health Law provides for a range of penalties, including monetary fines, which can be imposed upon violators by the Rensselaer County Department of Health upon a finding that a violation of the law has occurred.

Notice of this policy shall be posed in conspicuous locations at the entrance to each Questar III facility in Rensselaer County, to inform students and others that the law prohibits smoking on school premises and that violators will be referred to the Rensselaer County Department of Health for prosecution.

Questar III administration shall provide for necessary and appropriate means of enforcing Article 13-E, Section 1399-o of the Public Health Law and this policy during school hours and at such other times when school facilities or premises are occupied or in use.

The District Superintendent is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations and to take such other actions as are necessary to implement and enforce this policy.

ADOPTED 9/7/00