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**Updates to C.R.S. 25-14-103.5:  
Prohibition against the use of tobacco products and retail marijuana on school property.**

- ✓ We want your student to be healthy, engaged and successful while at school.
- ✓ Pueblo City Schools' tobacco and marijuana-free district policies support a safe school, promote clean indoor air, protect against second-hand smoke exposure, and create an environment where students are encouraged to make healthy choices.
- ✓ Just as with tobacco products, Pueblo City Schools' policies also prohibit the use of marijuana on school property.
- ✓ Share with your student that both tobacco and marijuana are not allowed on school property.
- ✓ It is the law: Colorado schools are required to be both tobacco and marijuana-free.
- ✓ In Colorado, it is against the law for people under 21 to purchase, possess or sell retail marijuana.
- ✓ Students found in possession of or using marijuana on school property will be subject to disciplinary actions. The policy is JICH: Student Drug, Alcohol, and Controlled Substance Offenses.
- ✓ If you choose to have marijuana products in your home, we recommend that you discuss with your student that the law allows for limited adult possession and use (21 years or older). Please store products safely to ensure they are not consumed by minors.
- ✓ Talk to your student about marijuana. Youth who use marijuana regularly are more likely to have impaired learning, memory issues, and lower math and reading scores. These effects can last for a few weeks even after quitting, and the negative effects increase the more marijuana is used.
- ✓ Just like tobacco, marijuana is addictive. Youth who begin using marijuana regularly are more likely to become addicted than those who wait until adulthood.
- ✓ If a family member uses marijuana, ask them to take these important steps to keep your family healthy and safe. Ask them to smoke only outside and keep all products stored safely.
- ✓ Let's work together as we learn to navigate the rules and guidelines that govern safe, legal and responsible marijuana use – it's good to know.
- ✓ Visit [GoodToKnowColorado.com](http://GoodToKnowColorado.com) for facts about retail marijuana laws and to connect to other resources on retail marijuana.

Adapted from [www.rmc.org](http://www.rmc.org) (communication messages for Colorado School Districts) 3-4-2015