

TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

In order to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and visitors and in compliance with applicable state and federal laws, the School Committee prohibits smoking and all other use, including possession, of tobacco products in school buildings and other school unit facilities, on school buses, and on school grounds at all times (24 hours per day, 365 days a year) by all persons. This policy applies to everyone on school grounds, including students, school staff, parents and visitors. The policy also extends to all school leased vehicles.

In addition, students are further prohibited from possessing, selling, distributing or dispensing tobacco products in school buildings, and other school facilities, on school grounds and buses during school-sponsored events and at all other times.

Employees and all other persons are also strictly prohibited, under law and School Committee policy, from possessing, selling, distributing or in any way dispensing tobacco products to students.

All of these same prohibitions shall apply to cigarettes, cigars, spit and smokeless tobacco, chew, snuff, snus, electronic cigarettes, vape products and other devices designed to deliver nicotine through inhalation or vaping, or used to simulate smoking.

Tobacco-free signs will be posted in highly visible areas at facility entrances and throughout the school property, including athletic facilities. The policy will be listed on the school website and printed in employee and student and parent booklets on an annual basis.

Legal Reference: 22 MRSA §§ 1578(B), 1580(A)(3)

Me. PL 470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use By Minors)

20 USC 6081-6084 (Pro-Children Act of 1994)

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