

TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

In order to promote the health and safety of students, staff and visitors and in compliance with applicable state and federal laws, the Board prohibits smoking and all other use of tobacco products in school buildings and other school unit facilities, on school buses, and on school grounds at all times by all persons.

In addition, students are further prohibited from possessing, selling, distributing or dispensing tobacco products in school buildings, facilities and 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 Board policy, from selling, distributing or in any way dispensing tobacco products to students.

Tobacco advertising, including the wearing of clothing advertising tobacco products is prohibited in school buildings, at school functions and in school publications.

All of these same prohibitions shall apply to electronic cigarettes and other devices designed to deliver nicotine through inhalation or “vaping,” or used to simulate smoking.

Information regarding this policy will be disseminated at least yearly to students/parents, staff and community through student handbooks, staff meetings, posted signs, facilities use contracts, announcements and other means as decided by the Superintendent/administration.

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)

Cross Reference: JICA – Student Dress
JL – Student Wellness
KF – Community Use of School Facilities
KHB – Advertising in the Schools

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