

TOBACCO PRODUCTS BAN

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN/ON ALL SCHOOL FACILITIES AND/OR GROUNDS

No person shall use any tobacco product in any facility maintained by the school district, nor on any of the grounds of the District, including field trips, away competitions and school buses.

Tobacco products means cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smokeless tobacco, smokeless cigarettes, products containing tobacco, and tobacco in any other form.

Facility is any enclosed place or portion of such place which is supported by public funds and which is used for the instruction of students enrolled in preschool programs and in all grades maintained by the District. This definition shall include all administrative buildings and offices and areas within facilities supportive of instruction and subject to educational administration including, but not limited to, lounge areas, passageways, rest rooms, laboratories, study areas, cafeterias, gymnasiums, maintenance rooms, and storage areas.

Signs shall be placed by the District in all buildings, facilities and school vehicles stating that the use of tobacco products is prohibited.

It is the responsibility of the building principal(s), or designee, to initially enforce this policy by requesting that any person who is violating this policy to immediately cease the use of tobacco products. After this request is made, if any refuses to refrain from using tobacco products in violation of this policy, the principal or designee may call the local police who shall then be responsible for all enforcement proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

Pupils:

It is against the law for any person under 18 years of age to purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, or use any tobacco product. Therefore, no pupil under 18 years of age shall purchase, attempt to purchase, possess or use any tobacco product on/in any facilities and/or grounds maintained by the District. Any pupil who is 18 years of age or older shall be subject to the prohibitions as listed above.

Employees:

No employee shall use any tobacco product in any facility maintained by the school district, nor on any grounds of the District.

Initial responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with building principals, or their designees. The principal may report violations to the local police department. In accordance with state law, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

The principal will develop and implement the appropriate means of notifying employees of the possible disciplinary consequences of violating this policy. Any employee(s) who violate(s) this policy is subject to disciplinary action which may include warning, suspension or dismissal. In addition, fines or other penalties may result from enforcement of these prohibitions by other law enforcement officials.

All Other Persons:

No visitor shall at any time use tobacco products in any facility, in any school vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District.

Responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with all school District employees who may report violations to the local police department. In accordance with state law, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

Legal References:

RSA 155:68, 155:70, 155:76, Indoor Smoking Act

RSA 126-K:6, Possession and Use of Tobacco Products by Minors

RSA 126-K:7, Use of Tobacco Products on Public Educational Facility Grounds

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