

USE AND POSSESSION OF TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES

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 all tobacco products and/or electronic devices to students on school grounds or at official RSU #2 functions.

All of these same prohibitions shall apply to electronic smoking devices. For the purpose of this policy, “electronic smoking device” means a device used to deliver nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that may be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the device, including, without limitation, a device manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic pipe, electronic hookah, or so-called “vape pen.”) “Electronic cigarettes” include “JUULs” and similar devices.

Legal Reference: 22 MRSA §§ 1541, 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: JL – Student Wellness
KF – Community Use of School Facilities
KHB – Advertising in the Schools

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