

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS

The Cape Elizabeth School Department is a tobacco-free zone. In order to promote the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, and visitors and to promote the cleanliness of all facilities, the board prohibits smoking and all other use of tobacco products and electronic vaporizers commonly used for nicotine delivery (including but not limited to e-cigarettes, e-hookahs, vape pens, or similar devices) in school buildings, on school property, at school functions, on school buses or in any other school department owned or leased vehicles, at all times (24 hours per day, 365 days a year) and by all persons. This policy reflects and emphasizes the hazards of tobacco use, will assure compliance with laws, protect school community members from secondhand smoke, and role model tobacco-free lifestyles.

Employees and all other persons (students, visitors, parents, and other adults) are also strictly prohibited, under law and Board policy, from selling, distributing or in any way dispensing tobacco products and electronic nicotine delivery systems at any time while supervising students whether on or off school property.

This policy will be communicated through a variety of efforts to educate students, school staff, parents, visitors and other adults. Tobacco-free signs will be posted in highly visible areas at facilities entrances and throughout the school property, including athletic facilities. The policy will be listed on the school website and printed in employee, student, and adult education booklets on an annual basis.

Students, all employees, parents, visitors, and other adults are required to comply with Cape Elizabeth Schools' tobacco-free policy. Enforcement of this policy will follow the standard procedure of the school for each audience. All school staff are expected to enforce the policy under the direction of the principal or an administrator. Any violation of this policy should be reported to the school administration.

Information regarding tobacco treatment resources, such as onsite counseling and the Maine Tobacco Helpline (1-800-207-1230) will be available for tobacco users who are interested in quitting.

Legal Reference: 22 MRSA § 1578(B); 1580(A)(3)
Me. PL 470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use By Minors)
20 USC § 4301 et seq. (Pro-Children Act of 2001)

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