
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 School Committee prohibits the possession or 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. The policy applies to the use of all tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, spit and smokeless tobacco, chew, snuff, electronic cigarettes, vape products and all other electronic nicotine delivery systems.

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.

Students and employees are prohibited from wearing clothing or gear that includes tobacco brands, including e-cigarette or electronic nicotine delivery system brands.

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

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

Adopted: November 2, 2015

Revised: May 11, 2015

Revised: April 22, 2019, First Reading
Adopted: May 6, 2019
Revised: November 18, 2019, First Reading
Adopted: December 16, 2019
Reviewed: May 8, 2023