

## **TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED**

The Amber-Pocasset Board of Education believes that smoking has been shown to affect the smoker's as well as the nonsmoker's health and cause discomfort for many.

In accordance with state law, there will be no smoking, dipping or chewing tobacco on the school ground or in the school buildings. Also, no smoking, dipping, or chewing will be permitted on a school-sponsored trip. Cigarettes or tobacco that are in a student's possession will be taken away. Repeated violations could lead to suspension.

The school district administration bears the responsibility for addressing complaints, including asking visitors or others who are smoking to refrain from smoking.

The Amber-Pocasset Board of Education recognizes that the use of tobacco has been shown to be linked to illnesses and disabilities and that federal and state law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility, or the grounds thereof, which is used to provide educational services to children.

Therefore, smoking, chewing or any other use of tobacco by staff, students, and members of the public is prohibited on, in or upon any school property.

1. "School property" is defined as all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by any school in this district including but not limited to the following:
  - A. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance, or storage. The term shall not apply to buildings used primarily as residences, i.e., teacherages.
  - B. All school grounds over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any building, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas, and parking areas.
  - C. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors, or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both, and includes cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "Use" is defined as lighting, chewing, inhaling, or smoking any tobacco as defined within this policy.
4. "Staff" includes, but is not limited to, full-time, part-time, and contract employees.

Signs will be posted in prominent places on school property to notify the public that smoking or other use of tobacco products is prohibited.

Students are also prohibited from possessing tobacco on, in, or upon any school property. If students are found to be carrying cigarettes or other tobacco products, the tobacco product will be confiscated.

Employees are warned that violation of this policy may lead to disciplinary action and/or dismissal action. Patrons who violate this policy will be asked to leave the school premises. Students violating this policy will be disciplined.

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REFERENCE: 21 O.S. §1247  
63 O.S. §1-15232, et seq. (Section 941. School Laws of Oklahoma)  
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