

No person shall use any tobacco product in any facility maintained by the School District, nor on any of the grounds of the District.

Tobacco products mean cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smokeless tobacco, smokeless cigarettes, E-cigarettes, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, products containing tobacco, and tobacco in any form.

Facility is any 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, classrooms, study areas, cafeterias, gymnasiums, maintenance rooms, and storage areas.

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

Students

No student enrolled in the District, regardless of age, shall purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, distribute or use any tobacco product in any facility, in any school vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District.

The principal will develop regulations which cover disciplinary action to be taken for violations of this policy. These regulations will be communicated to students by means deemed appropriate by the principal. In addition to disciplinary actions taken by the school, criminal penalties or fines may result from violations of this policy.

Employees

No employee shall use any tobacco product in any facility, in any school vehicle or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District.

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 this policy is subject to disciplinary action which 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.

Enforcement

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 person 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.

Law Reference: RSA 155:64, RSA 155:65, XI and XV, RSA 155:66 sec 155:64, sec 126-K-2, I, II-a, VII, XI, sec 155:65, RSA 155:68, 155:70, 155:76

Appendix Reference:

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