

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 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 tobacco products to students.

All of these same prohibitions shall apply to electronic cigarettes and other devices designed to deliver nicotine through inhalation or “vaping,” or used to simulate smoking.

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

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