

TOBACCO PRODUCTS BAN:

*USE AND POSSESSION IN AND ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND
GROUNDS*

"Tobacco products" means any product containing tobacco including, but not limited to, cigarettes, smoking tobacco, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipe tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and smokeless cigarettes as defined in RSA 126-K:2, XI.

"E-cigarette" means any electronic smoking device composed of a mouthpiece, a heating element, a battery, and electronic circuits that provides a vapor of pure nicotine mixed with propylene glycol to the user as the user simulates smoking. This term shall include such devices whether they are manufactured as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, or e-pipes, or under any other product name as defined in RSA 126-K:2,

“Smoking” means the lighting of a cigar, cigarette, pipe or other tobacco product or possessing a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other tobacco or non-tobacco product designed to be combusted and inhaled and shall include the use of e-cigarettes.”

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"Facility" is any place which is supported by public funds, maintained by the District, and used for the instruction of students enrolled in preschool programs and in all grades. 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, libraries, storage areas, and any location where a school event is being held.

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

Students

No student shall smoke or possess or use any tobacco product or e-cigarettes in any facility, in any school vehicle or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District.

Enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with the Superintendent, or designee, who may report any violation to the local police department. In accordance with state law, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

The Superintendent 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 Superintendent. In addition to disciplinary actions taken by the school, criminal penalties for fines may result from violations of this policy.

Employees

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

Responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with the Superintendent, or designees. The Superintendent may report violations to the local police department. In accordance with state law, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

The Superintendent will develop and implement the appropriate means of notifying employees of the possible disciplinary consequences of violating this policy. Any employee(s) who violate(s) this policy is subject to disciplinary action, which may include warning, suspension or dismissal. In addition, fines or other penalties may result from enforcement of these prohibitions by other law enforcement officials.

All Other Persons

No visitor shall smoke or any time use tobacco products or e-cigarettes in any facility, in any school vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District.

Responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with all School District employees who may report violations to the local police department. In accordance with state law, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

Legal References:

RSA 155:64-77, Indoor Smoking Act

RSA 126 -K:6, Possession and Use of Tobacco Products by Minors

RSA 126 K:7, Use of Tobacco Products on Public Educational Grounds Prohibited

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