

M.S.A.D. #12 POLICY TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

The purpose of the following administrative procedure is to effectuate the mandates imposed by the various federal and state laws in addition to this Board's "Tobacco Use and Possession" policy.

I. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

A. Students

The use, possession, sale, dispensing or distribution of tobacco products by **all** students is prohibited whether on or off school property, in accordance with state and federal laws.

B. Employees and All Other Persons

The use of tobacco products by employees and all other persons is prohibited in school buildings, facilities, on school grounds and on school buses during school-sponsored events.

II. ENFORCEMENT

In order to enforce the tobacco products policy, the following guidelines shall be utilized by the Principal or designee.

A. Student Violations

1. Up to ten days suspension. The student will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity during the suspension period and will lose eligibility in accordance with the athletic handbook.

B. Other Persons in Violation

All other persons violating this policy, e.g., employees, visitors, shall be immediately asked to cease violative behavior or leave the property. In addition, all persons suspected of selling, distributing or in any way dispensing tobacco products to students shall be referred to a law enforcement agency.

Any employee violating this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.

III. NOTICES

This Board's policy and corresponding disciplinary actions for infractions of this policy shall be printed in employee and student handbooks. Parents/guardians shall also be sent notification in writing of this Board's tobacco policy and administrative procedures. Notices shall be signed by parents/legal guardians and returned to the school where they shall be kept on file by the school unit.

Legal References: 20 USC § 6081-6084 (Pro-Children Act of 1994)
22 MRSA § 1578-B
Me. PL 470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use By Minors)

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