

### **Tobacco/Electronic Smoking Device Use and Possession**

In order to promote the health and safety of all students and staff and to promote the cleanliness of all facilities, the RSU 40 Board prohibits smoking and the use of all other tobacco products in school buildings and facilities, on school grounds, and on school buses during school sponsored events, and at all other times on school grounds by all persons, including students and employees.

In addition, students are further prohibited from possessing, selling, distributing, or dispensing tobacco products in school buildings, facilities, and on school grounds, and buses. Employees and all other persons are also strictly prohibited, under law and this policy, from selling, distributing or in any way dispensing tobacco products to students.

Advertising of tobacco products is prohibited in school buildings, on school property, at school functions, and in all school publications. This includes clothing that advertises tobacco products.

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

Tobacco prevention education will be incorporated into the district’s comprehensive health curriculum as part of the Maine Learning Results, so that all students will be aware of the consequences of use/nonuse of tobacco products.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: 22 M.R.S. §§ 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)

*This is a required policy.*

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