

## **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 the use and possession of any tobacco product, including electronic/vaping 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 and other school facilities, on school buses, and on school grounds during school-sponsored events and at all other times.

Employees and all other persons are also strictly prohibited, under the 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.

The policy applies to the smoking or use of all tobacco products, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, spit and smokeless tobacco, chew, snuff, snus, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, vape products, and other electronic nicotine delivery systems.

Legal Reference:     22 MRSA §§ 1541, 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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