

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS

- 1.0 Smoking is hazardous to the health to smokers and nonsmokers. The Board of Education is dedicated to providing a healthy, productive atmosphere for its students, staff, and guests.
- 2.0 The Board believes in promoting patterns of behavior related to good health and recognizes the importance of role modeling. Therefore, the Board will strongly discourage tobacco use among its staff, students, and guests.
- 3.0 Definitions: For purposes of this policy, the following definitions will apply:
 - 3.1. School property will include in all property owned, leased, rented, or over which the school department exercises control and school-owned vehicles used to transport students.
 - 3.2. Designated municipal property will include those portions of property owned by the Town of Scarborough which are adjacent to the intermediate, middle, and high schools, and are either visible from or close enough to school property that student smoking, possession, or use of tobacco at such locations would interfere with the effective implementation of this policy.
 - 3.3. Tobacco products will include cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking, or both. Tobacco products will also include cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
 - 3.4. Possession will mean a student has on his/her person or in his/her possession, locker, gym bag, etc., any tobacco products. "Visible possession" will mean a staff member who has in view any tobacco product.
 - 3.5. Use will mean lighting, chewing, inhaling, or smoking any tobacco product.
 - 3.6. Distribution will mean sharing and giving any tobacco product.
 - 3.7. Selling will mean providing any tobacco product for money or exchanging for another item.
- 4.0 School Department buildings and grounds and immediately abutting municipal property will be smoke free.
 - 4.1. For students: Smoking, possessing, use, selling, or distributing cigarettes or any other tobacco products is not permitted at any time on school property or designated municipal property, at any school sponsored event or any school sanctioned activity.
 - 4.2. For staff: Smoking and the visible possession or use of tobacco products not permitted at any time on school property, in vehicles transporting students or on school trips, while in the presence of students.

Legal Reference: 22 M.R.S.A. § 1578-B
22 M.R.S.A. § 1580 (Workplace Smoking Act)
Me. PL 470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use by Minors)
20 USC 6081 (PRO-CHILDREN ACT OF 1994)
P.L. 107-110 (No Child Left Behind Act, 2001)

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