

TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

In order to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and visitors and to promote the cleanliness of the Brunswick School Department facilities, the Board prohibits smoking and all other use of tobacco products in school buildings and other school unit facilities, on school buses, and on school grounds at all times by all persons. The Board has adopted a tobacco-free campus policy, all school buildings, vehicles, and property shall be tobacco-free at all times (24 hours per day, 365 days a year). This applies to all functions taking place on school grounds, including school-sponsored activities and activities not associated with, or sponsored by, the school department. The policy applies to everyone on school grounds, including students, school staff, parents, and visitors and reflects and emphasizes the hazards of tobacco use, and will assure compliance with laws, protect school community members from secondhand smoke, and role model tobacco-free lifestyles.

In addition, students are further prohibited from possessing, selling, distributing or dispensing tobacco products in school buildings, facilities and on school grounds and buses during school-sponsored events and at all other times.

Employees, students, parents, and all other persons are also strictly prohibited, under law and Board policy, from selling, distributing or in any way dispensing tobacco products to students.

The Brunswick School Board further prohibits the advertising of tobacco and tobacco products at school, on school property, at school-sponsored functions, or in school-sponsored publications.

Parents/guardians and school staff shall also be provided notification in writing of this Board's tobacco policy and administrative procedures.

Tobacco-free signage shall be posted throughout school campuses in highly visible areas at facility entrances and throughout the school property, according to advertising policy KHB: Paid Advertising.

Definitions:

Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe or joint, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this policy.

Tobacco is defined as all tobacco-derived or containing products, including, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, cigarillos, bidis, kreteks; all smokeless and dissolvable tobacco products including but not limited to dip, spit/spit-less, chew, snuff, snus, and nasal tobacco and any product intended to mimic tobacco, containing tobacco flavoring or delivering nicotine, including but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery systems, electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookahs, vape pen or any other product name or descriptor, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this policy.

Legal Reference: 22 MRSA §§ 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: JICH: Substance Use by Students, KHB: Paid Advertising

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