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Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

USE OF TOBACCO ON SCHOOL PREMISES PROHIBITED

The School Board is dedicated to providing a healthy atmosphere for its students, staff and visitors. The use of tobacco or tobacco (related nicotine) products in any form is prohibited in all school buildings, offices, any school-approved vehicles, and on school grounds at any time, 24 hours per day, year round. Visitors will be asked to follow the school policy or asked to leave. Police may enforce the policy as provided by law.

Students are 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 and all other persons are also strictly prohibited, under law, and this Board's policy, from selling, distributing or in any way dispensing tobacco products to students. Furthermore, tobacco advertising, including the wearing of clothing advertising tobacco products is prohibited in school buildings, at school functions and in school publications.

This policy applies before, during and after school hours, at school or in any other "school district location" as defined:

"School district location" means in any school building or on any school premises; on any school-owned vehicle or in any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district.

Information regarding this policy will be disseminated at least yearly to students/parents, staff and community through student handbooks, staff meetings, posted signs, facilities use contracts, announcements and other means as decided by the Head of School.

Legal Reference: 22 MRSA §§ 15780(A)(3)

Me. PL 470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use by Minors) 20 USC 6081-6084 (Pro-Children Act of 1994)

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