

## **TOBACCO PROHIBITION**

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The use of tobacco on school grounds is a violation of state law and is hereby prohibited. This ban extends to any student, employee, or visitor to the school, and applies at all times, whether or not school is in session. The use and/or possession of tobacco products by students is prohibited at all school-sponsored activities.

The building administrator or his/her designee is directed to take reasonable steps to inform students, employees, and visitors of this policy, to post signs on school property and to provide notice to visitors and those who are invited to attend school activities in bulletins, programs, and announcements related to school events.

Students who violate this policy will be disciplined under the school's disciplinary procedures. Any tobacco products will be confiscated from students under 18 years of age.

Employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accord with applicable employee policies, employment contracts and requirements of law.

Others who use tobacco on school grounds will be informed of this policy and asked to comply. A person failing to comply will be asked to leave school grounds. A person who refuses to comply or to leave school grounds when requested to do so under this policy may be referred for prosecution as a trespasser.

For purposes of this policy, "school grounds" means any property and facilities owned or leased by the school and used at any time for school-related activities, including, but not limited to, school buildings, areas adjacent to school buildings, athletic fields, school-sponsored transportation, and parking lots.

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Legal Reference(s): 16 VSA § 140

Act No. 52 of the 1995 Session of the Vermont General Assembly  
"The Pro-Children Act of 1995," Goals 2000 Educate America Act,

Title X

Cross Reference: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy (F9)