

**School Committee Policy**

Policy #39

**TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS**

**In compliance with the Education Reform Act of 1993, smoking and/or any use of tobacco products is prohibited within all school buildings, school facilities, school grounds, and school buses by any individual.**

Use of any tobacco products, including, but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, electronic cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic pipes or other similar products that rely on vaporization or aerosolization, within the school buildings, school facilities, on school grounds or school buses, or at school sponsored events by any individual, including school personnel and students, is prohibited at all times.

**School Personnel**

First Offense – Verbal warning by supervisor and notice filed with the Building Principal’s office. Supervisor will inform individual of cessation program(s) and available counseling to assist in his/her effort to abstain from tobacco use.

Second Offense – Written reprimand with copy placed in the individual’s personnel file maintained in the Superintendent’s Office. The individual will, again, be informed of cessation program(s) and available counseling.

Third and Subsequent Offenses – The Superintendent may suspend the individual without pay for up to three (3) days. At the discretion of the Superintendent, the individual may be scheduled for a cessation program and/or counseling.

**Students**

Students at any grade level involved with possession or use of tobacco in school or during school related functions shall be subject to the disciplinary code as stated in the school’s student handbook.

Repeated violations may result in mandatory enrollment of the student in a cessation program and/or counseling and prohibition from participation in school functions and/or activities.

### **Visitors and Guests**

Visitors, guest and non-school affiliated persons who are observed smoking or using tobacco products on school property shall be informed of the policy and shall be requested by an appointed school official to cease the prohibited behavior or leave school property. Law enforcement officers and municipal health officials shall also be considered appointed school officials for the implementation of this section of the policy.

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