

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS

NEPN/NSBA Code: ADC

The health hazards of tobacco use have been well documented and sustained. This policy is established to (1) reflect and emphasize the hazards of tobacco use; (2) be in compliance with state and federal laws; (3) protect the health and safety of all student, employees, and the general public; and (4) set a non-tobacco use example by adults. The School Committee is dedicated to providing a healthy atmosphere for its students, staff and visitors.

The Fayette School District and property shall be tobacco-free 24 hours per day year round. This applies before, during and after school hours, at school or in any other "school system location" defined as follows:

"School system location" means in any school building or on any school premises; in 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 unit; or during any period of time such employee is supervising students on behalf of the school system or otherwise engaged in school unit business.

Smoking or the use of tobacco products by visitors to the District facilities and property is prohibited. This includes non-school hours and all functions taking place on school grounds, athletic or otherwise. (Refer to facilities use policy). Possession of tobacco products by persons under 18 years of age is prohibited by law.

The Fayette School Department will provide students with information and activities focused on prevention of the use of tobacco through the regular school curriculum. Programs are to be provided that teach students that using tobacco products is illegal and harmful. The legal, social and health consequences of tobacco use are addressed in the curriculum. Students are to be taught how to resist peer pressure.

All individuals on school premises share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy.

Legal Reference: TITLE 22 MRSA 1578, 1580, A.3

Cross Reference: GBEC - DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE
D.O.E. ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER #22, 12-20-94
GBED - STAFF NO SMOKING/SMOKING
KF - COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
JICH - DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS

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