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TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

The Kittery School Committee is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning, working and recreational environment for students, staff and members of the public.

To that end and in accordance with state and federal laws, the School Committee 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.

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, on and off school property.

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

At the beginning of any school-sponsored event or activity that is held on school property and open to the public, there will be an announcement that use of tobacco products is prohibited. “Tobacco-Free Zone” signs/notices that use of tobacco products is prohibited will be posted at outside locations under the jurisdiction of the Kittery School Department.

The principal/designee has the authority to ask visitors who are in violation of this policy to cease the behavior. Those who do not comply may be asked to leave, and law enforcement may be called for assistance if necessary.

The same prohibitions apply to electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and other oral devices that provide a vapor of liquid nicotine and/or other substance, and the use of which simulates smoking.

Students involved in extra-curricular or co-curricular activities are subject to additional rules and sanctions.

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)

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