

JEFFERSON VILLAGE SCHOOL**POLICY****TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION**

In order to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and visitors and in compliance with applicable state and federal laws, the Board prohibits the use and possession of tobacco products in school buildings and other school unit facilities, on school buses and other vehicles, and on school grounds 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. This includes all functions taking place on school grounds, such as athletic events or other activities not associated with, or sponsored by, the school. The policy applies to everyone on school grounds, including students, school staff, parents and visitors.

In addition, all individuals are prohibited from selling, distributing or dispensing tobacco products and paraphernalia in school buildings, facilities and on school grounds and buses/vehicles during school-sponsored events and at all other times.

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

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)

Cross Reference: JICA – Student Dress

JL – Student Wellness

KF – Community Use of School Facilities

KHB – Advertising in the Schools

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