

JOHN STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOBACCO PRODUCTS BAN

USE AND POSSESSION IN AND ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN/ON ALL SCHOOL FACILITIES AND/OR GROUNDS

No person shall use any tobacco product in any facility maintained by the school districts, nor on any of the grounds of any district within the SAU.

"Tobacco products" means cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smokeless tobacco, smokeless cigarettes, products containing tobacco, and tobacco in any other form.

"Facility" is any place which is supported by public funds and is used for the instruction of students enrolled in preschool programs and in all grades maintained by any district in the SAU. This definition shall include all administrative buildings and offices and areas within facilities supportive of instruction and subject to educational administration, including, but not limited to, lounge areas, passageways, rest rooms, laboratories, classrooms, study areas, cafeterias, gymnasiums, maintenance rooms, and storage areas.

Signs shall be placed by each district in all buildings, facilities and school vehicles stating that the use of tobacco products is prohibited.

It is the responsibility of the building Principal(s), or designee, to initially enforce this policy by requesting that any person who is violating this policy to immediately cease the use of tobacco products. After this request is made, if any person refuses to refrain from using tobacco products in violation of this policy, the Principal or designee may call the local police who shall then be responsible for all enforcement proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

Students

No student shall purchase, attempt to purchase, possess or use any tobacco product in any facility, in any school vehicle or anywhere on school grounds maintained by any district within the SAU.

Enforcement of this prohibition shall initially rest with building Principals, or their designees, who may report any violation to the local police department. In accordance with state law, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

The Principal will develop regulations which cover disciplinary action to be taken for violations of this policy. These regulations will be communicated to students by means deemed appropriate by the Principal. In addition to disciplinary actions taken by the school, criminal penalties for fines may result from violations of this policy.

Employees

No employee shall use any tobacco product in any facility in any school vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by any district within the SAU.

Initial responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with building Principals, or their designees. The Principal may report violations to the local police department. In accordance with state law, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

The Principal will develop and implement the appropriate means of notifying employees of the possible disciplinary consequences of violating this policy. Any employees who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action which may include warning, suspension or dismissal. In addition, fines or other penalties may result from enforcement of these prohibitions by other law enforcement officials.

All Other Persons

No visitor shall at any time use tobacco products in any facility, in any school vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by any district within the SAU.

Responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with all school districts' employees who may report violations to the local police department. In accordance with state law, the police department shall be responsible for all proceedings and applicable fines and penalties.

Statutory References:

RSA 78:12-b I. (b)

RSA 155:68, 155:70, 155:76

RSA 126-I, Effective January 1, 1998

See also ADC/GBED