

TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

In order to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and visitors and to promote the cleanliness of Regional School Unit #34 (RSU #34) facilities, the Board prohibits smoking and/or the use of any and all tobacco products in/on any RSU facility and/or grounds, and any RSU sponsored event off school property.

RSU facilities and grounds includes all tracks and fields, school busses/vehicles, and RSU sponsored function regardless of its location and all vehicles on any RSU property, at all times by all persons, including students, employees, and visitors.

Students are further prohibited from possessing, selling distributing or dispensing tobacco products in/on any RSU facilities or grounds.

Employees and all other persons are also strictly prohibited, under state law and Board policy, from selling, distributing, or in any way dispensing tobacco products to students on school grounds and buses during school-sponsored events and at all other times.

Advertising of tobacco products is prohibited in school buildings, on school property, at school functions, and in all school publications. Employees and students are prohibited from wearing and/or displaying any type of tobacco or tobacco related promotional materials.

For purpose of this policy, the term “tobacco product” means “any product made or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, and any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product”. This includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, electronic cigarettes, chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and dissolvable tobacco products.

Legal Reference: 22 MRSA § 1578-B, 1580 A3
 Me. PL 470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use By Minors)
 20 USC 6081 (Pro-Children Act of 1994)

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