

TOBACCO USE

“Tobacco use, particularly smoking, remains the number one cause of preventable disease and death in the United States.” (quoted from The Report of the Surgeon General, 2000)

To reduce the incidence of tobacco use, promote the health and safety of all students and employees of the Ellsworth School Department (ESD), and to maintain the cleanliness of facilities, the Ellsworth School Committee (ESC) prohibits smoking and the use of all tobacco products in any ESD facility, including all vehicles and grounds, at all times by all persons, including students, employees, and visitors.

Employees and all other persons are prohibited from selling, distributing or in any way dispensing tobacco products to students under the age of 18.

Employees are prohibited from wearing and/or displaying any type of tobacco or tobacco-related promotional materials.

VIOLATIONS

- A. Employees and visitors who violate this policy shall be directed to immediately cease the violative behavior.
- B. Employees shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.
- C. Visitors who do not cease the violative behavior will be directed to leave, and the Building Administrator/designee is encouraged to seek the assistance of law enforcement as necessary.
- D. Any person over 18 years of age suspected of selling, distributing or in any way dispensing tobacco products to a student under 18 years of age shall be referred to a law enforcement agency.

Cross References: JICG – Student Tobacco Use and/or Possession
Legal References: 22 MRSA §1578-B
Me. PL 470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use By Minors)
20 USC 6081 (Pro-Children Act of 1994—Goals 2000)

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