

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS

Tobacco is the number one killer and is the leading cause of preventable death in Maine. In order to reduce the high incidence of tobacco use in Millinocket, to promote health and safety of all students, staff, parents and visitors and to promote the cleanliness of all facilities, the School Committee of Millinocket prohibits smoking and the use of all other tobacco products (*see note below), electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) in school buildings, facilities, on school buses, at school-sponsored functions and at all other times by all persons. Violations of this policy will be considered a serious offense.

In addition, students are further prohibited from possessing, selling, distributing or dispensing tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) in school buildings, facilities, on school grounds and buses during school-sponsored events and at all other times. Students are also prohibited from wearing and/or displaying any type of tobacco promotion materials.

Tobacco prevention education will be incorporated into the district's K-12 comprehensive health curriculum, so that all students will be aware of the consequences of use/non-use of tobacco products.

*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

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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