

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

TOBACCO USE BY STUDENTS

The Millinocket School Committee recognized that tobacco is a drug. It has serious health implications and is addictive. The purpose of this procedure is to educate and offer cessation assistance. Students, by School Board Policy, are prohibited from smoking tobacco products on school property, i.e., electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) (this includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, electronic cigarettes, chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and dissolvable tobacco products), and students under the age of 18 are prohibited from using or possessing tobacco products.

I. PROHIBITED CONDUCT:

A. Students

The use, possession, sale, dispensing or distribution of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) by any student is prohibited in school buildings, facilities and on school buses during school sponsored events and at all other times on school grounds.

B. Employees and All other Persons

The use of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) by employees and all other persons is prohibited in school buildings, facilities and on school busses during school sponsored events and at all other times on school grounds.

II. ENFORCEMENT (STUDENTS)

In order to enforce the tobacco product policy, the following guidelines shall be utilized by the Principal or ~~his~~ designee of a school in which prohibited conduct occurs. The principal or ~~his~~ designee shall report any violations of this policy/procedure, as promptly as practicable, to the Superintendent.

A. Tobacco use on School Grounds

1. Use

First Offense

1. Verification
2. Confiscate tobacco products
3. Administrator meets with student
4. Administrator contacts parent
5. The student will go to a 2 day in school suspension. During this suspension, the student will participate in three 45 minute sessions on

- smoking cessation/awareness.
6. Meet with D.A.R.E. officer if available

Second Offense

1. Verification
2. Confiscate tobacco products
3. Administrator meets with student
4. Administrator contacts parent
5. Notify police
6. Student meets with Guidance Counselor
7. The student will go to a 3 day in school suspension. During this suspension, the student will participate in four 50 minute sessions on smoking cessation/awareness.
8. Meet with D.A.R.E. officer if available

Third Offense

1. Verification
2. Confiscate tobacco products
3. Administrator meets with student
4. Administrator contacts parent
5. Notify police
6. Referral to Chemical Health Team
7. Five day out of school suspension
8. Meet with D.A.R.E. officer if available

Student Referral to Law Enforcement Agency

The Superintendent or designee reserves the right to refer students to a law enforcement agency, on a case-by-case basis, as may be deemed necessary. However, the Superintendent/designee shall refer to a law enforcement agency any student reasonably suspected of selling, dispensing or distributing tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS).

Other Persons in Violation

All other persons violating this policy, e.g., employees, visitors shall be immediately directed to cease violative behavior. In addition, all persons suspected of selling, distributing or in any way dispensing tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) to students shall be referred to a law enforcement agency.

III. NOTICES

This Committee's policy and corresponding disciplinary actions for infractions of this policy shall be printed in employee and student handbooks. Parent/Guardians shall also be sent notifications in writing of the Committee's tobacco policy and administrative procedures.

Signage will be posted throughout the school grounds, announcements will be made at school functions, and the policies will be posted on the school website.

Legal References: 20 USC & 6081 (Pro-Children Act of 1994 – Goals 2000)
22 MRSA & 1578-B
Me. P. 470 (an Act to Reduce Tobacco Use by Minors)

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