TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

In order to promote the health and safety of students, staff and visitors and in compliance with applicable state and federal laws, the RSU5 Board of Directors prohibits smoking and all other use of tobacco products in school buildings, and other school unit facilities, on school buses or in other school-owned vehicles, and on school grounds at all times by all persons.

In addition, students are further prohibited from possessing, selling, distributing or dispensing tobacco products in school buildings, facilities and 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.

Employees and all other persons are also strictly prohibited, under law and the Board of Directors’ policy, from selling, distributing or in any way dispensing tobacco products to students.

Violation of this policy will be considered a serious offense. Disciplinary actions will be taken in accordance with school procedures.

All of these same prohibitions shall apply to electronic cigarettes and other devices designed to deliver nicotine through inhalation or “vaping”, or used to simulate smoking.

Legal References:  
22 MRSA § 1578-B, 1580(A)(3)  
Me. PL 470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use By Minors)  
20 USC 6081-6084 (Pro-Children Act of 1994)

Cross Reference:  
JL – Student Wellness  
KF – Community Use of School Facilities  
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