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Hermon School Department

Tobacco Use and Possession

In accordance with our mission to provide a clean and safe environment, promote health and tobacco-free living and comply with federal and Maine law rules, the Hermon School Committee prohibits the use of all tobacco products on all school department property, in all facilities, at all times, by all persons.

POLICY: 100% Tobacco-Free Campus

Prohibited tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, and spit-less tobacco and look-alike products/devices. All electronic nicotine devices and devices used for vaping are also prohibited.

Tobacco use is prohibited in all employer owned and leased vehicles including school busses and all employee owned vehicles when used in the course of work whenever other employees or another person is in the vehicle for work related reasons at all times.

All persons are prohibited from possessing, selling, distributing or dispensing tobacco products in school buildings, facilities, school grounds, busses, and at all school sponsored events whether on or off school property at all times. In addition, tobacco advertising is prohibited in school buildings, at school functions and in school publications and on clothing such as T-shirts or hats worn by students or staff to school or any school sponsored events.

Exception: Tobacco products may be permitted in classrooms only as part of a bona fide demonstration during a class lesson, with prior notice being given to the school's administrator.

This policy will be reviewed and revised according to the Hermon School Department Professional Discussion Committee practices or when law mandates.

This policy will be available and communicated to students and parents in the student handbook, to the public and community on the school website. All new and current employees are expected to review and be aware of all of the school department policies on the website and in the faculty and staff handbooks.

Legal Reference:

Me. PL 470 (An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Use by Minors)

20 USC 6081-6084 (Pro-Children Act of 1994)

MRS Title 22 § 1578-B, TOBACCO USE IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS PROHIBITED

MRS Title 22 § 1580-A, SMOKING IN PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT, July 1, 2010

MRS Title 22 § 1542, SMOKING PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC PLACES, July 1, 2010

