

Pittsfield School District

TOBACCO PRODUCTS USE AND POSSESSION IN AND ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

No person shall use any tobacco product, E-cigarette, or liquid nicotine in any facility maintained by the Pittsfield School District, nor on any of the grounds of the district. Students and minors are further prohibited from possessing such items in or upon any school facility, school vehicle, or school grounds owned or maintained by the district.

A. Definitions.

1. “Tobacco products” means any product containing tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipe tobacco, smokeless tobacco, smokeless cigarettes, as well as any other product or item included in RSA 126-K:2, XI as the same may be amended or replaced from time to time.
2. “E-Cigarette” means any electronic smoking device composed of a mouthpiece, a heating element, a battery, and electronic circuits that provides a vapor of pure nicotine mixed with propylene glycol to the user as the user simulates smoking. This term shall include such devices whether they are manufactured as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, or e-pipes, or under any other product name as well as any other product or item included in RSA 126-K:2, II-a as the same may be amended or replaced from time to time.
3. “Liquid nicotine” means any liquid product composed either in whole or in part of pure nicotine and propylene glycol and manufactured for use with e-cigarettes, as well as any other product or items included in RSA 126-K:2, III-a as the same may be amended or replaced from time to time.
4. “Facility” is any place which is supported by public funds and which is used for the instruction of students enrolled in preschool programs and in all grades maintained by the district. This definition shall include all administrative buildings and offices within facilities supportive of instruction and subject to educational administration, including but limited to lounge areas, passageways, restrooms, laboratories, classrooms, study areas, cafeterias, gymnasiums, maintenance rooms, libraries, and storage areas.

- B. Students. No student shall purchase, or attempt to purchase, possess, or use any tobacco product E-cigarette, or liquid nicotine in any facility, in any school vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the district.

Enforcement of this prohibition shall initially rest with the dean of operations or designee who may report any violation to law enforcement for possible juvenile,

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criminal, or other proceedings as provided under state law. Additional consequences may be administered pursuant to printed student conduct rules.

- C. Employees. No employee shall use any tobacco product, E-cigarette, or liquid nicotine in any facility, in any school vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the Pittsfield School District.

Initial responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with the dean of operations or his/her designees. Any employee who violates this policy is subject to disciplinary action which may include warning, suspension, or dismissal. Violations may also be referred to appropriate law enforcement and/or other appropriate agencies for criminal or other proceedings as provided under state law.

- D. All Other Persons. No visitor, contractor, vendor, or other member of the public shall use any tobacco products, E-cigarette, or liquid nicotine in any facility, in any school vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the Pittsfield School District.

The dean of operations, and where appropriate other site supervisors (athletic director, activity leader, etc.) or their designees shall have the initial responsibility to enforce this section by requesting that any person who is violating this policy to immediately cease the use of tobacco products, E-cigarette, or liquid nicotine. After this request is made, if any person refuses to refrain from using such products in violation of this policy, the dean of operations, site supervisor, or designee may contact law enforcement agencies for possible criminal or other proceedings as provided under state law.

- E. Implementation and Notice – Administrative Rules and Procedures

The superintendent shall establish administrative rules and procedures to implement this policy. Rules and procedures relating to student violations and resulting disciplinary consequences shall be developed in consultation with the dean of operations.

The superintendent, working with the dean of operations, shall provide annual notice to employees, students, and parents of the pertinent provisions of this policy (e.g., student or staff handbook) along with applicable administrative regulations and procedures, which may include prescribed consequences for violations of this policy. Such notice should include information that violation of this policy could lead to criminal or other such proceedings.

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Signs shall be placed by the district in all buildings, facilities, and school vehicles stating that the use of tobacco products, E-cigarettes, and liquid nicotine is prohibited.

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