

**Section A Foundations and Basic Commitments**

**ADC Tobacco Use and Possession**

In order to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and visitors and to promote the cleanliness of all facilities, the Region 8 School Board prohibits smoking and all other use of tobacco products in school buildings and other school facilities, on school vehicles and on school grounds at all times by all persons.

Tobacco products include, but are not limited to: tobacco products and tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, electronic vaporizer devices including e-cigarettes, e-hookahs, vape pens or similar devices.

In addition, students are further prohibited from possessing, selling, distributing or dispensing tobacco products in school buildings, facilities and on school grounds and vehicles during school-sponsored events and at all other times.

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

Advertising of tobacco products is prohibited in school buildings, on school property, at school functions and in all school publications. This includes clothing that advertises tobacco products.

Any violation of the terms of this policy shall constitute sufficient grounds for student discipline, including suspension or expulsion from school, at the appropriate discretion of the administration and the Board. Appropriate law enforcement authority shall also be notified of violations of this policy.

This policy shall be disseminated to employees, students and parents/guardians through the employee and student handbooks.

Legal References: 22 MRSA § 1578(B); 1580(A)(3); §1555-B  
Public Law 107-110 - Pro-Children Act of 2001

Cross-Reference: ADC-R – Tobacco Use and Possession Administrative Procedure

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