



The Pomfret School

CHALLENGING THE MIND ★ ENCOURAGING THE HEART

CODE E8

TOBACCO PROHIBITION

Policy

It is the policy of the Pomfret School District to prohibit the use of tobacco on school grounds in accordance with state law. This ban extends to any student, employee or visitor to the school, and applies at all times, whether or not school is in session. Students are, furthermore, prohibited from possessing tobacco products at all times while under the supervision of school staff or at school sponsored activities.

Administrative Responsibility

The Superintendent or his or her designee is directed to take reasonable steps to inform students and employees of this policy, to post signs on school property and to provide notice to visitors and those who are invited to attend school activities in bulletins, programs and announcements related to school events.

Violations of Policy Students who violate this policy will be disciplined under the school's disciplinary policy and procedures, and tobacco products may be confiscated.

Employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accord with applicable employee policies, employment contracts and requirements of law.

Others who use tobacco on school grounds will be informed of this policy and asked to comply. A person failing to comply will be asked to leave school grounds. A person who refuses to comply or to leave school grounds when requested to do so under this policy may be referred for prosecution as a trespasser.

For purposes of this policy, "school grounds" means any property and facilities owned or leased by the school and used at any time for school related activities, including but not limited to school buildings, areas adjacent to school buildings, athletic fields and parking lots.

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Date Adopted: October 8, 2007

Legal Reference(s): 16 V.S.A. §140 (Tobacco on school grounds)
18 V.S.A. §§1422 et seq. (Smoking in the workplace)
13 V.S.A. §3705 (Unlawful Trespass)
20 U.S.C. §§6083 et seq. (Goals 2000 Educate America Act, Title X)
42 U.S.C. §§5119a et seq. (Children Protection Act of 1995)

Cross Reference: Student Conduct and Discipline (F1)

Bus Discipline (F2)